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"Home of the AuSable River"

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Grayling is featured in *Michigan Living*

A regular visitor to the Grayling area, Bill Semion, spreads the word about his favorite weekend getaway.

Grayling is featured in the January/February monthly travel and life magazine published by AAA Michigan, *Michigan Living*.

Associate editor Bill Semion suggests Grayling as a destination for a weekend getaway. Semion notes that he enjoys Grayling in the summer, writing, "On just about any given summer weekend, you'll find us there," but touches on winter activities as well.

"Whether it's a hot day in June or a cold day in January, if you're an outdoors lover of any kind, or are just looking for a relaxing getaway, this might be the place," writes Semion.

Semion touches on just about everything Grayling has to offer, including the "silence broken by the snicker-snack" of helicopters from Camp Grayling.

"If it can swim or schuss, be paddled or putted, Milltown's got it," notes the article.

The article highlights several local

businesses, local residents and local attractions like the Grayling Fish Hatchery, Hartwick Pines State Park and of course, the beautiful AuSable River.

The article gives suggestions on where to stay and where to eat while in Grayling.

Jerry Meyer, director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said, "We're delighted. It's a very complete article. It covers the entire area."

"*Michigan Living* has a huge circulation, over a million subscribers, I think. This is the kind of stuff money can't buy," said Meyer. "We are excited."

The magazine is sent to AAA members throughout Michigan.

A copy of *Michigan Living* is available at the local AAA office, located in the Grayling Mini Mall. Insurance agent Linda Stephens will provide the magazine free-of-charge to anyone interested.

Welcome baby new year!



FIRST BABY OF 1996--Destiny Dawn Campbell came into the world at 2:36 p.m. on Jan. 1, 1996, at Grayling Mercy Hospital, making her the first baby born in Crawford County in 1996. Destiny Dawn weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Fred Campbell and Julia Bane of Houghton Lake. Destiny has a brother, Zachery Campbell, who is three.

Task force studies 1996 road reconstruction goals

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Road Commission For Crawford County is gearing up to present its picks for 1996 road reconstruction projects to the Region 9 task force, which holds the authority to approve road funding in an eight-county area in northeast Michigan.

According to Road Commission Managing Director James Briney, it is possible that no projects in Crawford County will be funded in 1996 through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), but if funding is approved the Road Commission will be ready to act immediately.

At a public hearing held Thursday, Dec. 28, county citizens were invited to lobby for their particular road interests with the local ISTEA delegates comprised of Briney, representing the Road Commission; Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford, representing local municipalities; and Crawford County Transportation Authority Director David Frederick, representing public transportation.

"The ISTEA hearing is part of a process imposed on local units of government," Briney said. "Hearings such as this must take place in order to comply with federal and state

guidelines which make it possible for local units of government to qualify for ISTEA funds."

Twenty-one citizens attended the hearing and an additional 29 letters were received. Two roads were promoted for possible consideration, an 8.46 mile stretch of McMaster's Bridge Road (E-97), from North Down River Road to M-72 East, and an approximately 1.5-mile stretch of North Down River road, from Old 27 east to the I-75 interchange.

At the Jan. 11 meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners, as part of the ISTEA process, the proposals will be ranked in priority for presentation to the Region 9 task force on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Alpena. At that time, each of the eight member counties will present their own proposals, but only a few will receive funding.

Briney said, The Road Commission For Crawford County will be in a better position to bargain for funding than some other counties because the required 20-percent matching funds required for local projects has already been allocated in the Road Commission's '96 operating budget.

"That doesn't mean we'll get it," Briney said. "It only means if our

Lowe maintains perfect house voting record in '95

State Rep. Allen Lowe maintained perfect-voting and attendance records this legislative year, demonstrating his dedication to residents of the 105th District.

The Grayling Republican is one of only two representatives in the 110-member Michigan House to vote on all 1,449 roll calls, the most recorded in one year. The House met 93 times in 1995, from Jan. 11 through Dec. 4.

"The voices of the 105th District cannot be heard in Lansing if I'm not there," Lowe said. "It is my responsibility to ensure that local concerns do not go unnoticed."

The most productive legislative session in history brought about a series

of tax cuts, welfare reform, a medical health code rewrite, Single Business Tax restructuring, environmental recodification, tort reform and a \$113 million income-tax rebate.

"The Legislature delivered on a difficult agenda," Lowe said. "It began with a series of tax cuts, included a number of major reforms, and ended with a history-making tax refund."

In addition to his duties as chairman of the House Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee, Lowe also is a member of the Commerce Committee, Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee, and Tourism and Recreation Committee.

ACLU wins dismissal in defamation case

"We will present the issue to the Michigan Court of Appeals." -- Monte Burmeister, attorney for Robert McLachlan Sr.

By Terry Wright
News Editor

"All of the alleged Defendants' defamation statements are untruthful, and any inferences drawn therefrom cannot, as a matter of law, rise to the level of defamation by implication."

With those written words, Probate Court Judge Richard Liedel, sitting by assignment in 46th Circuit Court, dismissed the defamation claims of County Commissioner Robert McLachlan Sr. against defendants David Kneff and Joseph Callewaert of Grayling, and Stephen Dresch of Houghton.

Attorneys for the two sides argued the case before Liedel on Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Crawford County's 46th Circuit Court. Grayling attorney Monte Burmeister represented McLachlan. Neal Bush of Detroit, represented the defendants on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which became interested in the case in September.

In accepting the case, the Michigan ACLU legal representative said, "Anytime a community fears retribution for saying something about one of its public officials, its First Amendment rights are in serious danger."

Burmeister countered by saying, "This is about a small group of people who continue to perpetuate rumors that Mr. McLachlan engaged in criminal activity. None of the defendants can back up anything they have previously stated with corroborating facts."

The defendants have long been critical of McLachlan's role as chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in the 1991 sale of the former Crawford-Otsego Landfill to City Environmental Services Inc., of Waters (CESW). Two months later, McLachlan sold his own trash-hauling business, Milltown Refuse, to the same company, where he continued to work as a consultant until 1994.

Kneff was charged with saying McLachlan had "exerted undue influence" on the decision of the county board of commissioners to sell the



Robert McLachlan Sr.

landfill to CESW. The statement was published in the *Bay City Times*.

"As to Defendant Kneff's alleged defamation," Liedel wrote, "this Court concludes the statement as published is simply not libelous."

Responding to the dismissal, Kneff said, "This was not about defamatory statements that hurt someone's reputation, certain politicians can do that well enough on their own. This was about attempting to silence citizens who would dare to expect accountability and honesty in government."

"Mr. McLachlan has always been open to criticism and accountability," Burmeister said. "I think the defendants would be hard pressed to find definitions of 'criticism' or 'accountability' in any dictionary that includes spreading vicious rumors about another person."

Callewaert, a former county commissioner, was named in the suit for a letter he sent to an FBI special agent, in which he alleged "bribes and fixes here."

"It is simply not libelous," Liedel wrote, "does not meet the ... standard of pleading specific facts of actual malice, and does not even mention Plaintiff, so as to pertain to him."

Callewaert responded by saying, "I'm very proud of my public statements, and I'll stand by them to the end. They were made on behalf of the people of this community, not for any underhanded profit motive that milks the public cow."

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County unemployment rises in November

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in November was 7.3 percent, which was an increase of 2.0 percentage points from the October rate of 5.3 percent.

Over the month, wage and salary employment declined by 4,675 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in private non-professional services, followed by retail trade. Seasonal layoffs occurred in resorts and hotels, stores and eating establishments, as their summer season ended for the year. Also, declines occurred in the construction industry as winter weather and the timing of deer season impacted employment levels.

Employment gains were noted over the month in local education as public schools continued to bring back support staff.

November's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with both the Michigan rate of 4.2 percent and the national rate of 5.3 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during November was recorded in Cheboygan County at 13.1 percent, while the lowest rate was in Grand Traverse County at 4.7 percent.

In Crawford County, the total civilian labor force was 5,150. The total number of employed persons was 4,825 and the total unemployed was 325. The November unemployment rate of 6.4 percent compares very favorably to the rate of November, 1994, which was 7.6 percent.

1995 Unemployment Crawford and surrounding counties

County	Nov.	Oct.
Antrim	7.1	5.1
Otsego	5.4	3.9
Montmorency	11.7	8.0
Oscoda	7.8	5.6
Crawford	6.4	4.9
Kalkaska	6.8	5.1
Missaukee	6.3	5.3
Roscommon	7.3	5.9
Ogemaw	8.0	6.1

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission

County hires new director for building and zoning



Joseph J. Duran

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Personnel Committee of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has extended an offer to Joseph J. Duran, currently of Waterford, to head the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department.

Duran, 48, was introduced to the board at its Wednesday, Dec. 20, regular meeting. At that time he said he was very happy to be coming to Crawford County and was looking forward to starting his new position on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Duran is currently in business for himself as the owner/operator of Amer-Tec Home Inspections, and Energy Craft Homes in Clarkston. He is a licensed building inspector and a licensed building, solar, mechanical and solid fuel contractor. He is also the Assistant Building Code Official in Rose Township.

When contacted in Waterford, Duran told the *Avalanche* he looked forward to moving to Grayling, but would not be moving his businesses. "They will be set aside, inactive for a year. Then they will dissolve. I'm fortunate to be in a position that I can do that."

He said he has owned property in Crawford County for many years. He

currently owns land on Connor's Flats Road and is planning to build a new home there. He is married and has three adult children and four grandchildren.

Duran's resume listed extensive experience in building, inspecting, security, fire and sprinkler system hydraulics, and energy conservation construction including passive solar design.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration, with minors in law and marketing from Eastern Michigan University. His education also includes two years of architectural engineering.

"I enjoy the industry," Duran said. "I pride myself on being a professional."

He was awarded the Private Sector Initiative Commendation by President Ronald Reagan for exemplary achievement in strengthening the nation's vocational education system. As an expert in solar energy he is asked to present seminars at universities, colleges and conferences.

During the 1980s, Duran was a solar building instructor at Michigan State University graduate school. He also taught at Oakland Community College and in the Waterford School District.

ACLU wins dismissal in defamation case

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Dresch, a former member of the Michigan House of Representatives, was sued for statements he allegedly "caused to be published" in the *Traverse City Record Eagle*, which made reference to charges that McLachlan had offered a bribe to a county official in exchange for a lower tax assessment on the landfill owned by CESW, McLachlan's former employer.

"The statement lacks the required specificity for actionable libel; likewise fails to plead the fact of actual malice", Liedel wrote.

Dresch said of the decision, "On behalf of my codefendants, I would assure the ACLU of Michigan and those citizens who have so steadfastly supported us that we will not waver in our insistence of the right of the people to hold their government, and their governing officials, to account for their actions."

Bush said, "The ACLU is very happy the judge dismissed this case. It was brought by a politician-bully to stop citizens from speaking out. This decision should stop that."

"It'll show that politicians, no

matter how powerful they may think they are, cannot intimidate ordinary citizens," Bush added.

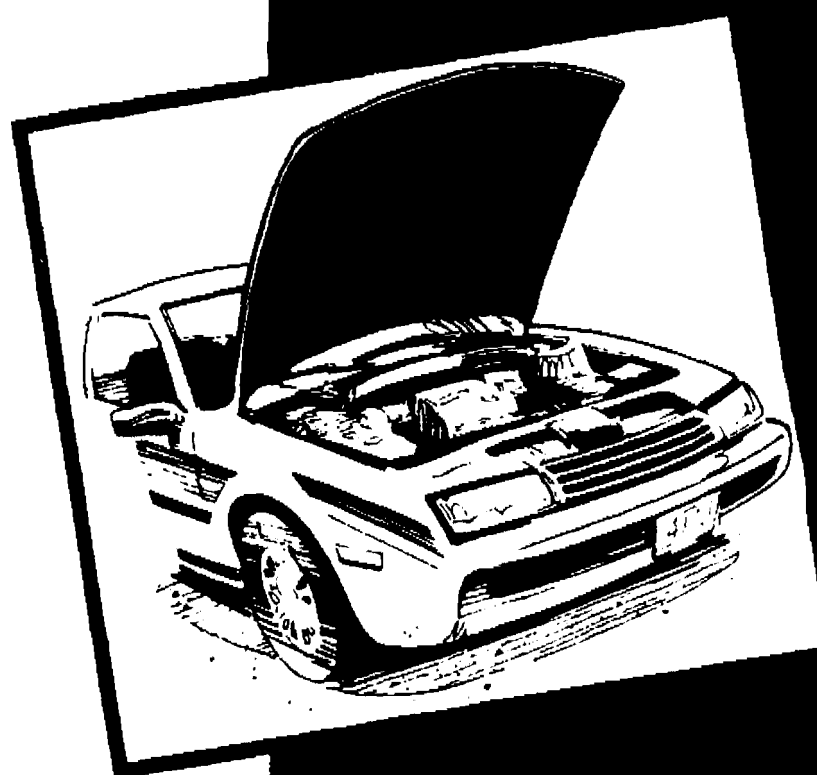
Burmeister said, "When one undertakes to serve their community certain personal taxes are imposed; lack of privacy, public examination of one's actions, criticism, and a myriad of other sacrifices. However, the question becomes when a person endeavors to serve the public by holding a public office, do they then open themselves up to circulation of unfounded rumors that they have committed a crime?"

"In any other situation, spreading a

rumor of criminal activity would be actionable when the person spreading the rumor has no facts to support it. Serving in a public office should not obviate that principle," Burmeister said.

He said, "We have reviewed the court's decision, and while we respect the court's decision, we are understandably disappointed in the approach taken. The Michigan Appellate Courts have not decided a case with the facts present in this case. We will present the issue to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

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project is chosen for funding, we'll be ready to move on it immediately because we have the money. Some counties in our region don't have matching funds available."

Briney said although several road proposals are deserving, the F-97 proposal meets more ISTEAG guidelines for funding than any other.

"F-97 is an extension of the project we completed last year on Lovell's Road," Briney said. "It also intersects with a major east-west state artery at M-72. Those are things the task force will look on favorably."

Of the citizens at the hearing, Briney said the majority were in favor of the F-97 project. Of the 29 letters received, 20 requested improvements to F-97. One of those letters came from Dr. Dorothy Franke, President of Kirtland Community College, who wrote, "The safety of our students and our community members who come to Kirtland is in jeopardy.... I strongly support this project for the benefit of all who must come to Kirtland."

A letter in support of the North Down River Road proposal came from John Alef II, on behalf of the Board of

Directors of the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Alef listed 13 reasons for supporting the proposal, including present and future traffic volumes, business enhancement, access to the Grayling Fish Hatchery and Little League field, and as a primary route to Grayling Mercy Hospital.

"I'm not an advocate for one or the other," Briney said. "The reality is that there is only so much money and we're in competition with seven other counties who think it's their turn. It's a wish and want process."

Frederick expressed concern that financial information on how much

ISTEA money will be allocated to Crawford County has not yet come from the state. In previous years, he said that information was always available to the task force.

"Before committing to either project, I would like to have more financial information," Frederick said. "What are Crawford County's carry over balances from previous years and what are our projected revenues for 1996. This information is usually provided by MDOT by this time of the year. I also would like to know the traffic count on those two roads."

Questions answered by the VA

Question: I know the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides headstones and markers for graves of veterans anywhere in the world.

If a grave marker is not correct, should the marker be returned? If so, who would pay the return cost?

Answer: If a marker is incorrect, contact VA's Office of Memorial Programs (OMP), Applicant Assistance Division, at 1-800-697-6947 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except on federal holidays. When a replacement is authorized, OMP will give instructions to destroy all stone headstones or

markers, and make provisions for the return of the bronze markers to the manufacturer at government expense.

Question: Will VA replace a marker that has deteriorated from exposure to the weather or vandalism?

Answer: Vandalized, stolen or deteriorated headstones or markers, including those weather-worn to the extent they are no longer legible, will be replaced at government expense. Before approving replacement, OMP will need a photograph of the deteriorated marker, or a report of vandalism or theft. OMP will not replace headstones or markers solely for cemetery beautification purposes.

Question: My father served in the Air Force and the Army. Will VA pay to have both branches of service placed on his gravemarker?

Answer: Space permitting, more than one rank and branch of service are authorized in the inscription. This is more easily accommodated on upright headstones than on flat markers. The VA's National Cemetery System suggests listing of the branches of service only, or the highest rank and its respective branch of service and other branches of service without the rank, where space is limited.

Chamber seeks award nominations

With the annual chamber meeting and \$10,000 raffle coming up on Jan. 20, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for three award categories. Again this year, the chamber will present Citizen of the Year, the Athena Award and a Silver Lining Beautification Award.

The Citizen of the Year award, presented last year to Judy Weaver-Dickinson, honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community in time, energy and service.

The Athena Award celebrates the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community and recognizes those who support them. The nominee can be a woman who excels as a valued member of the community, or a man or woman who has demonstrated support of professional women, and worked unselfishly on their behalf. Nomination forms for this award are available at the chamber office at 213 James Street. The winner last year was Donna Masker, branch manager of Old Kent Bank.

The Silver Lining award is presented to a company, business or

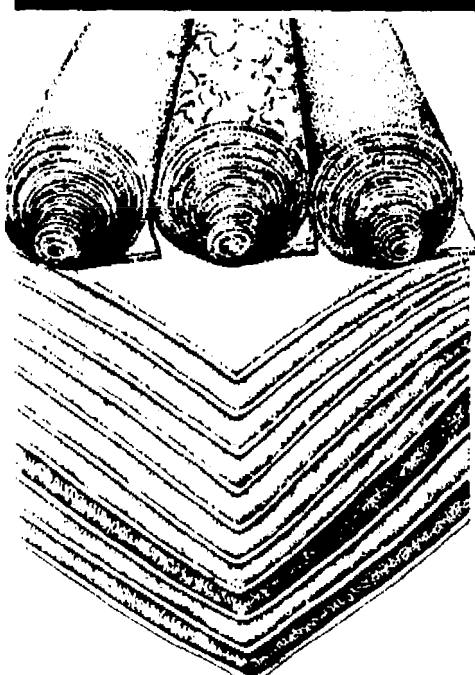
firm which has made an extraordinary effort to improve the appearance of their physical plant, making it more attractive to the public, as well as harmonious with our northern Michigan setting.

Nominations for any or all of these categories can be mailed to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738, or faxed to (517) 348-7315.

The recipients will be honored on Jan. 20 at the Holiday Inn, during a brief annual meeting, which will precede the \$10,000 raffle. The \$100 tickets for the raffle are also available at the chamber office. Each ticket admits two people and includes the hors d'oeuvres buffet and beverages, as well as the chance to win \$10,000. In addition to the top prize, there are numerous other door prizes, which will be awarded to ticket holders whose number is drawn in the early rounds.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with the annual meeting ceremony, and presentation of awards at 8 p.m., followed by the start of the drawing for the dozens of prizes and the \$10,000.

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BRIEFS

Republicans to host Lincoln Day Dinner

The Crawford/Roscommon Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elks Club on M-55 in Houghton Lake.

The main speaker will be Ronna Romney, candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. Also invited are Senator Spence Abraham, Congressman Dave Camp, State Senator George McManus, State Representatives Allen Lowe and John Gernaat, and John Smietanka, who was the Republican nominee for state attorney general in 1994.

The event will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the program will follow the dinner. Tickets, at \$12.50 per person, are available from any Crawford County Republican Committee member, or by calling 348-7253. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Feb. 5.

The January meeting of the Crawford County Republicans will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. All interested Republicans are welcome to attend.

Former Grayling resident named director of Otsego road commission



Michael Roper

Former Grayling resident, Michael Roper, will be taking over as the manager/director of the Otsego County Road Commission (OCRC).

Roper, 46, has been the office manager at OCRC for 18 years. He graduated from Grayling High School in 1967. He spent four years in the United States Air Force. He attended Kirtland Community College for two

years before transferring to Ferris State University where he received a bachelor's degree in business data processing.

Roper, his wife Darlene, and their children have lived in Gaylord since 1977.

Roper replaces Curt Gnepper who resigned due to health concerns.

AMVETS donate to River House

Mike Huting, member of the Grayling AMVETS, recently presented a check for \$350 to Janet Bean, child advocate of River House Shelter.

Every December, the Grayling AMVETS have supported River House Shelter with a cash donation. This money will aid the shelter in assisting victims of domestic violence.

The shelter provides safe, emergency housing, food, clothing, counseling, transportation, financial aid, and legal advocacy for women

and children who experience domestic violence.

Each year, state and federal funding decrease for the operation of shelters in Michigan. Therefore, the support of organizations and private individuals allows River House to provide for the many needs of our clients.

River House serves the counties of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon, and will accept collect calls on their 24-hour crisis line, (517) 348-8972 or 348-3169.

Spirit Club to hold can drive Saturday, Jan. 6

The Viking Spirit Club will hold a can drive on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the Viking basketball teams will be going door-to-door collecting returnable beverage containers. They will also be taking Glen's green slips at that time.

The spirit club was started to promote spirit among the fans, to support the basketball teams and coaches, and to bring the public to the games.

A nutritious meal is served to the players before the long bus ride to an away game. The money from collection of cans and green slips will be used to provide some of those meals, and to purchase items for the teams. For more information, contact Candi Taylor at 348-4052.



THE BIGGEST OF THE BIG BUCKS -- Tom Force of Lovells poses with the winning rack and a check for \$1,500. Force won 1st place in Big Buck Brewery's big buck contest.

Force shot the deer in McKinley. The buck scored 149.7 on the Bruen Crocket scale. His deer will be on display in the trophy room at Big Buck Brewery in Gaylord.

"My deer was there the night the two got stolen," said Force. "It was in 1st place at the time so it was closer to the guard shack."



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—A July 6th wedding is announced for Shawn Lynn Pasik and Glen Roger Carlson. Shawn is the daughter of Richard Pasik of South Rockwood, and Sandra Hasson of Grayling. Glen is the son of Hal and Doretha Carlson of Grayling. The wedding will take place in Indian River at the Cross in the Woods, and the couple plan to reside in Grayling, upon return from their honeymoon.

MERCY BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Jason Snyder and Katrina Moss of Prudenville: Leah Lynn Snyder, Dec. 14, 1995, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Anthony Whiting and Donna Schalm of St. Helen: Tori Lynn Whiting, Dec. 19, 1995, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Jack and Nora Clark of Grayling: Chynna Marie, Dec. 18, 1995, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

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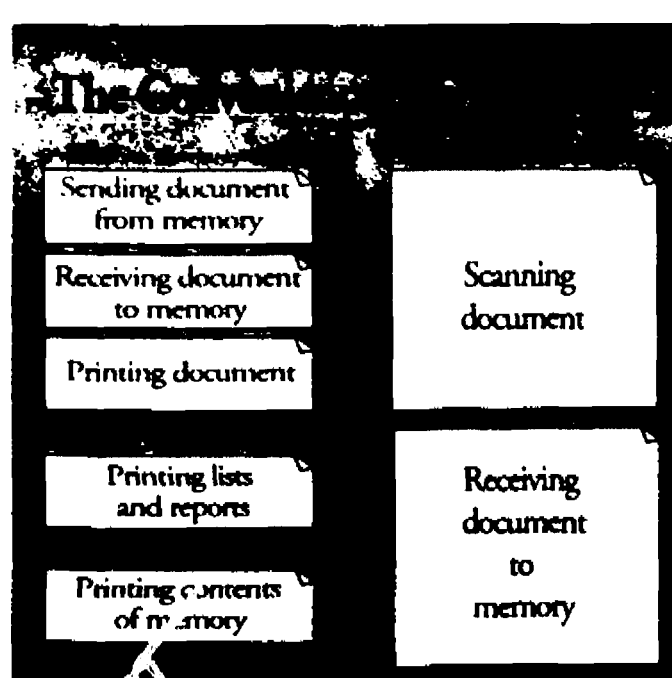


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteer feels she and others were mistreated

To the editor,
Have you ever wondered how a person, who you thought was your friend, could lie to you and involve other innocent people in their lies? I was told that I no longer needed to come in to volunteer at a local thrift shop because two other volunteers don't like working with me. I was told that if I came in the other two wouldn't. I was given their names and I called them. Both denied saying they didn't like working with me.

To think a responsible person in a business outlet would lie was very disturbing to me. As the time has gone by, the web has gotten larger and the story has changed twice. How many others have been treated this way?

I have worked with several nice ladies at the business and I know my life has been enriched by knowing them. You would think backstabbing, gossip and deceit would be the last thing you would find in a group like that, but believe me it is there. It should be a happy place, as you are volunteering to help other people who are in need and to make your community a better place to live in.

I, at least, did get a reason for my being fired, even if the story has been changed. That is more than a past worker has got. She is due much credit and praise for her long hours and hard work. She received a letter saying,

"You are done." Is that fair? I think not. She and her husband gave their time and love to help build the shop up to what it is today. Along with several other ladies. Where are they today? Makes you wonder why they no longer volunteer.

There are citizens who are aware of the problems at the outlet, but I felt the public should be made aware of the problems. I am a senior citizen who has a few physical problems, but I put in hard hours at the shop. I enjoyed it. I gave it my all, that's the best I can do. I can hold my head up high as I walk down any street. I am not a liar, nor a thief.

My reputation is good, which I am very proud of. I treat people as I wish to be treated, fair and square. When I am slandered, my name is tarnished and have been done severely wrong, and I don't go down without a fight, so will be letting a lawyer handle this.

Take the time and find out what is going on. Maybe in some way, someone can do some good and make the thrift store a place to be proud of in all ways.

I expect replies back from this letter, which is fine. My home number is in the directory. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and God bless.

Mrs. Lynn A. Wells
Grayling



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Wit and wisdom from '95 Almanacks

resources. If such strength of purpose and will is not present, then all the amendments ever adopted will not balance a single budget."

On term limits: "Something seems to infuse politicians once they get into office. Most start to realize how important they are, and how the country and the world really need them, and how peace and prosperity depend on them staying in office. Voting for term limits will require members to vote against their own interests. Very few will do that—despite campaign oratory to the contrary."

ON OPEN MEETINGS: "Open meeting legislation...usually is considered a newspaper bill. That's wrong. Like trustees or regents, the newspaper's job would be easier and more pleasant if the process were closed and the newspaper became

involved only at the end...Open meeting laws are not newspaper laws, but public interest laws. Open government, including selection of governments' leaders, is for the protection of the people, not for the benefit of the media. The distinction tends to become blurred."

On localizing federal programs: "Can food stamps and other programs be handled better by your friendly public servant down at the courthouse...or by your friendly but faceless Washingtonian? In most cases, I'd opt for the courthouse."

On university payoffs to deposed sports figures: "You have to wonder if the members of the various governing boards, or the university officials who also are responsible for paying off rejected colleagues, would be so generous if it were their own money involved. Of course, the answer to that is obvious."

ON GEORGE ROMNEY and Vietnam: "Conventional political wisdom holds that Mr. Romney's admission that he was 'brainwashed' about Vietnam doomed his presidential hopes in 1968. Just this year, a key player in defining America's Vietnam role revealed that he, too, had been lied to and misled—brainwashing, in effect. If Robert McNamara as secretary of defense had been as honest and direct in 1967 as George Romney was, the history of the nation may have been changed dramatically."

On incumbents running for reelection: "It's surprising how many congressional and senatorial staffers save vacation time so they can work in their bosses' campaigns at reelection

time...Politics permits its practitioners to rationalize and justify a duality of activity between public service and outright partisan work. Is it right? Maybe. Is it legal? Usually. And it sure gives any office holder a terrific advantage over the outsider."

ON THE ATOMIC bomb: "This strength of history perspective. History can be—and should be—written years after the fact so the historian can take a calm, rational, dispassionate point of view about what happened and why it happened. But delayed perspective is also one of the genuine shortcomings of history. The people who lived it won't be able to write it. In many ways, that's a tragedy."

On TV talk shows: "Television and movies concentrate on specific elements of society—unusual, dramatic, controversial ones. By focusing on these elements, television indeed creates societal acceptance of the unusual. TV certainly encourages public acceptance of looser moral standards, coarser language, more deviant personal behavior...TV helps turn the unusual into the usual. (Maybe) television does not create society, but it certainly shapes it."

And finally, perhaps the wisest comment to appear in The Almanack in all of 1995:

"When the chips are down, you might as well get out the dip."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



It's time to crack down on 'yahoo' snowmobilers

To the editor,
I am also writing in regard to the snowmobilers in Grayling and Crawford County.

The letter in the Avalanche two weeks ago, saying the city should not plow the streets down to pavement so the snowmobilers could travel about, does not make sense. What about the safety and accessibility of the people who live on these streets? Are we supposed to forget about them? I think not.

I agree that the businesses in the City of Grayling depend on the revenue these people bring in. But, we also have people who ski and sled and folks who just come to visit our beautiful county. They also bring in money. As Dick Fultz stated in his letter, there is a "yahoo element" up here with their machines, and we need to clean it up for the sake of everyone.

These "yahoos" have no regard for anyone or anything. Numerous times, while driving M-72 East, I have encountered them riding two abreast, into oncoming traffic. At night and during a snowstorm, this presents a major problem. You cannot tell if it's

a car in your lane or some idiot on a snowmobile. Also, the parking lot of Glen's and Ben Franklin's is a nightmare. These idiot snowmobilers come flying across this lot, behind the high banks of snow, and a motorist cannot see them as they are turning into the lot. This is very dangerous, and only a matter of time before someone gets injured or worse. Motorists are "flipped off" by these riders, who are under the impression that they have the right of way and everyone should wait for them.

Last night, on the 9&10 News, it was stated that Crawford County has the highest number of snowmobile accidents (22) in the whole state of Michigan.

It's time to crack down very hard on this "yahoo element" and get rid of the ones who are giving the law-abiding riders a bad name. This sport should be safe and fun for everyone, including the non-snowmobilers who travel our roads. Let's clean this up before we make the news again.

Denyce Krolezyk,
Grayling



FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

It was a normal weekend to have at least four snow trains arrive on Sunday mornings from down state Lansing, Detroit, Bay City, Grand Rapids...the trains were met by local business people who owned stake trucks, like lumber companies, and were taken out to the park, and returned when day was done.

As I look back, some of the times when we were down here from Gaylord, the streets of Grayling took the appearance of a Mardi Gras, not all of the revellers from the trains went to the park.

During this era, Spike MacNeven (Mr. Grayling) and owner of Spike's Keg-O-Nails, was instrumental in bringing Detroit Tigers' and Lions' players here and they participated in the activities at the park.

Birdie Tibbets, then Tiger catcher, was Spike's envoy without portfolio. Through Birdie, the likes of Dizzy Trout, Jo Jo White, Eldon Auker and many others I cannot name, came to Grayling. Tibbets spent the winter here, and sometimes was Spike's bartender, and also refereed many basketball games in the area.

In those days, it was nothing to have over 20,000 participants on the weekend that the Miss Grayling Winter Sports was crowned.

Also, as an added attraction on that day, Hurl Deckrow, a local plumber, would ride down the toboggan slide standing on his head, the slide was normally clocked at about 80 miles an hour.

Not only was the winter sports park noted for the toboggan slides (three of them), the ski jump, and the ice skating

rink, but the ultimate was the ice thrones that were built each year. Johnnie Deckrow was the architect and sculptor, assisted by sometimes up to 15 men in building the work of art using ice and colored lights. Undoubtedly, the master work by Johnnie was the construction of a simulated Statue of Liberty, with a semi-circle over the head reading, "Remember Pearl Harbor." This was in the winter of 1942. We should mention, Johnnie and his wife lost a son early in the war.

The statue was 62 feet high and stood on a base of ice larger than a tennis court and shaped like a star. Lighted from within, and with a red light and an insulated burner throwing smoke from the torch, it had the appearance of the real thing.

It took over 7,000 blocks of ice taken from Lake Margrethe, located possibly two miles away from the park, and reportedly lasted into the month of July.

This era in northern Michigan, ended during the end of the '40s and early '50s. Downhill skiing became the thing to do, ski lodges opened up, ski lifts made it easy to get up top and come down the hills faster.

Then came the cross-country skiing, for those who took to the slow pace on the hills, plus the tranquility of skiing through the habitat of wild game.

For me, I am glad I lived through the high-jinks era, and was only a spectator during the winter sports activities.

A memo to: "Sax Says—" Dear Sax, I also read your column, with considerable interest, concerning my trials with snow, and your unfortunate experience with snow. You mentioned

your stay in Gaylord was dead, I had to wonder if East Jordan, at the time, was a hoopla town.

You also mentioned the date you and coach Abe were stranded, Dec. 27, 1938. Sax, you forget, you are much older than I am. With the date you mentioned, and wondered where I was, I was probably at home with my parents in a nice warm house playing with my Christmas toys.

Really Sax, I have come to the conclusion, that both of us should have seeked out a head shrinker.

A closer from Joe Falls Detroit News column:

"Sonny Eliot, the Wondrous Weatherman says, 'I gave my wife a \$25 gift certificate for Christmas, and she used it as a down payment on a mink coat.'"

At a state dinner, Boris Yeltsin leaned over and whispered to Bill Clinton. The President told him: "Forget it Boris. You're not getting my Bud Light."

"Bob Hefty, the Peerless Pencil Pusher, says, 'I gave my wife Pinky a gift certificate for Christmas and she went right out and exchanged it for a larger size.'"

Holiday Poem:

"Dear Abby, my problem is I

"Have a boyfriend—a wonderful

guy.

"What gift should I seek

"For this Christmas week?"

"Never mind what he'd like—give a

tie."

"Sonny Eliot says: 'When my wife

and I have words, I never get a chance

to use mine."

Sounds like home...take care.

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Editor's Quote Book

Two wrongs don't make a right, but they make a good excuse.

Thomas Szasz

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:43

Getting the right help from the right tax preparer

Selecting a tax preparer should not be a decision made casually or quickly. There's more at stake than you may realize. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants points out that the right tax preparer can help you better understand how tax laws affect your situation, ensure that you don't overlook valuable deductions, and keep you out of trouble with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Finding such a preparer doesn't necessarily take a lot of money, but it can take some time, which is why you should begin your search now.

Your options

Keep in mind that there are virtually no licensing requirements for becoming a tax preparer. Almost anyone can hang out a shingle and advertise tax expertise. It's up to you to find out the individual's qualifications and to determine whether the preparer is appropriate, given your budget and the complexity of your return.

There are four main categories of preparers:

• **Commercial preparers**—This group is comprised of large nationwide organizations that hire individuals to work for them during tax season. It also includes independent commercial preparers. Although the costs for using these preparers is at the low end of the scale, many of them do not have extensive training. That doesn't mean that they're not qualified to help you—just that they may not be the wisest choice if your tax return is complicated, or if you're hoping to obtain some tax-planning advice for the future.

• **Enrolled agents**—Enrolled agents generally have more training than commercial preparers, and are qualified to represent you before the IRS, should your tax return be audited. These individuals typically have worked for the IRS as tax auditors for at least five years, or passed a 2-day examination on tax-related subjects. However, be aware that their level and range of expertise can vary widely.

• **Attorneys**—Attorneys are a good choice as tax preparers, if you have a tax return that is affected by a legally-complicated business issue. Typically, attorneys are not involved in preparing the average tax return, but are qualified to represent your interests before the IRS.

• **Certified Public Accountants (CPAs)**—CPAs are the most extensively-trained and experienced tax advisers. In addition to preparing your tax return, most CPAs can assist you with other tax issues and help you develop a tax-planning strategy. Like enrolled agents and attorneys, CPAs are qualified to represent your interests before the IRS.

Screening prospective preparers
Regardless of the preparer's credentials or years of experience, there are other key issues to address. For example, you need to query a preparer as to what he or she charges for preparing your return, as well as to what extent he or she expects you to be involved in the preparation process. Also, determine if the preparer has experience dealing with some of the tax issues you're currently confronting. Finally, find out the preparer's scope of services. For example, determine if he or she would be willing (and able) to provide you with tax-planning advice as issues arise.

Although there may be situations where it is appropriate for tax preparers to base their fee on a percentage of a tax refund (a contingent fee), you should generally avoid preparers who charge contingent fees for original return preparation. Also, stay away from preparers who guarantee you a refund, or are unwilling to sign your return.

Getting organized

Keep in mind that the more you can help your tax preparer, the more you'll help yourself. By providing the preparer with organized records and informing him or her about situations affecting your tax status and liability, you may not only save money, but you'll also help the preparer avoid mistakes.

CPAs point out that while tax

preparers are subject to penalties if they understate your taxes, you're also financially and legally responsible for your own tax return. When you sign the return, you assume responsibility

for its accuracy along with your tax preparer.

To learn more about selecting the right accountant, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Michigan

Association of Certified Public Accountants, P.O. Box 9054, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9054, and request a copy of the brochure, *How To Choose And Use A CPA*.

Ten tips to increase your wealth in 1996

The new year is the ideal time to take stock of your investment goals and accomplishments, and adjust your approach to increase the return on your investments. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants has 10 easy tips for fine-tuning your wealth-building strategies for next year and beyond.

1) **Look ahead.** Every year at this time, the financial media spotlights the hottest performing mutual funds of the previous year. Unfortunately, past performance doesn't always translate into future success. Instead, look for investments that promise long-term growth and income.

2) **Go abroad.** Investing outside the U.S. can both diversify and enhance your portfolio. Bear in mind that investing globally can be tricky. Generally, one way to reduce your risk when you invest globally is to buy shares of a mutual fund that invests in international securities.

3) **Average out.** Dollar-cost averaging is a smart way to invest. Here's how it works. You make an investment in a stock or mutual fund of a fixed dollar amount at regular intervals. For example, you make a \$100 investment on the 15th of every month. (Most mutual funds will gladly arrange to deduct a present amount from your paycheck, checking account, or money-market fund.) Your \$100 automatically buys more shares when the market is low and fewer shares when prices are high. The strategy has the effect of averaging out the price

you pay—so you'll never pay only the highest or lowest price.

4) **Buy direct.** Now that more companies are willing to sell their stock shares directly to shareholders, you can avoid costly broker commissions. Exxon, Dial and W.R. Grace are among the "name brand" companies that sell directly to shareholders. Some companies will even automate your investment program by deducting a set amount from your bank account each month. When you decide to sell, most companies will process your transaction for about \$10.

5) **Reinvest dividends.** Dividend reinvestment is an easy, money-saving way to buy more stock in a company. Instead of opting for a dividend check, the company reinvests your dividends to purchase more of its stock. As a bonus, many companies also may give you a discount on the price of the stock you buy through reinvestment.

6) **Stick with it.** Don't let short-term market swings sway you off course. To make money in the stock market, investors need to stay involved long enough to offset the lows, with periods of outstanding returns. The trick is to allocate your assets in line with our financial goals, and then stick to that allocation regardless of short-term market fluctuations.

7) **Look into real estate.** In addition to securities, consider investing in real estate. One way to make such an investment is through a real estate investment trust (REIT)—a type of

closed-end fund that invests in diversified portfolios of residential and commercial properties. REITs, which issue shares that trade on stock exchanges, give you the opportunity to invest in real estate without the problems of management and poor liquidity that came with buying properties directly. But be careful—rising interest rates could dampen profitability.

8) **Take reasonable risks.** Allocating your assets among a wide range of inflation-resistant vehicles can help you minimize the risk of loss. If you're investing for a long-term goal like retirement, time is also on your side. You should be able to ride out the intermediate ups and downs in the market and still come out ahead. Keep in mind if you try to avoid risk altogether by putting your money only in the safest investments, you run the risk of not earning enough to beat inflation.

9) **Know the costs.** Market risk is a given, but there are other investment-related costs that have nothing to do with risk—commissions, markups and management fees. Because these costs are not always obvious, it's important to ask about them before investing, and include these fees when calculating the return on your investment.

10) **Don't overlook taxes.** Keep in mind that many of your investment decisions will have tax ramifications. To help you make the most of your investments and minimize the tax impact on any gains, it's wise to consult a CPA or another tax adviser.

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Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling

Average Base: 15-25 inches packed base. Downhill Surface Conditions: All trails and lifts in operation, soft powder. Cross Country Surface Conditions: 35 km, track set of trails open from 9 am till dusk, seven days a week. Hours: Open Thursday & Friday 5-9 pm; Saturday 11 am-9 pm; Sunday 11 am-5 pm. 348-9266.

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

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Special Note: Ski Fest '96 - This Sunday; must pre-register. (517) 821-6661.

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For updated information, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CODE

1. When planning extended trips, I will prepare a route plan with an estimated time of return. I will give this information to a responsible person. When traveling on state or federally-owned lands, I will check in and check out with the park officials or ranger station.

2. When making extended trips, I will carry emergency equipment (snowshoes or skis, flares, tow line, waterproof matches, emergency food supply, extra fuel, compass and map.) I will avoid traveling alone in remote areas.

3. I will not cross or travel on frozen lakes and streams until the ice is thick enough to support the weight of my snowmobile and passengers. When traveling in new areas, I will seek advice on ice conditions.

4. I will keep myself physically fit

for winter sports.

5. I will always carry a first-aid kit.

6. I will wear proper winter clothing and protective glasses or goggles.

7. I will know the weather forecast. When the weather turns bad, I will turn back.

8. I will keep my snowmobile in good operating condition.

9. I will always carry a tool kit.

10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will avoid cross-country travel unless specifically authorized.

11. I will use my snowmobile only for transportation when hunting. My rifle will be encased whenever I am aboard my snowmobile if local regulations allow encased rifles aboard snowmobiles.



UPCOMING EVENT

Dukes of Dixieland

Saturday, January 20, 1996 - 8 pm

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will become New Orleans as the Dukes of Dixieland transport the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium to that languid port city on the Mississippi, with the sounds of Bourbon Street. The six-member group plays music now blue, now cool, now bright and brassy, always recalling in its jazz rhythms and tones the very heart of New Orleans.

For ticket information, or if you wish to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at 517-275-6777 (Senior/Student Discounts Available)

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Community Calendar



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JANUARY 1996

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW!

THURS. 4	• GREATER GRAYLING SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION meeting @ Holiday Inn, 7 pm. • TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Linda @ 275-9918 for more information.
FRI. 5	• SPEND TIME CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, downhill skiing, or snowmobiling in Grayling's winter wonderland. • BBB VS. KALKASKA, home, 6 pm.
SAT. 6	• WRESTLING @ GLADWIN INVITATIONAL. • JV VB VS. ROGERS CITY INVITATIONAL, away, 9 am. • VB VS. PETOSKEY INVITATIONAL, away, 9 am. • LOCAL MS SUPPORT GROUP meeting @ Roscommon Community Building, 4 blocks east of light on State St., 2-4 pm. Call Judy 275-4671 for information. • FRIENDSHIP SINGLES DANCE @ Breakers Steak House, 9 pm - 1 am. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information.
SUN. 7	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 8	• GRAYLING CITY COUNCIL MEETING. • ADULT ED REGISTRATION @ ALC, 9 am - 5 pm thru 19th. • GRAYLING ELEMENTARY PARENT GROUP meeting @ 11:45 am. • FRESH BBB VS. GAYLORD, home, 7 pm. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562.
TUES. 9	• BBB VS. GAYLORD, away, 6 pm. • CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. New members welcome. • NEW BEGINNINGS STOMACH STAPLING SUPPORT GROUP @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Grayling State Bank, 1 pm. • MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING of VFW & Ladies Auxiliary @ American Legion Hall, 7 pm. • CORE (Court Order Reform, & Equity) meeting @ Beaver Creek Recreation Center, 7 pm. Call 348-9708 for more information.
WED. 10	• PROJECT GRADUATION meeting @ high school, 7 pm. • SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Sex Sins

Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:" (Matthew 5:27) The Pharisees practiced the letter of the law as stated in Exodus 20:14 and claimed moral perfection. But Christ reminded them that the scope of adultery involves more than merely the physical sex act. Just as murder begins with hatred in the hearts, so also, adultery begins with lust in the heart. "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:28)

What does adultery mean? Looking up the word "adultery" in the thesaurus of a modern word processor the synonyms listed are: "Illicit love affair; affair; liaison, tryst, flirtation, cheating (and) intrigue." The modern use of the word adultery has little moral implication. Under "adultery" the second unabridged edition of the Webster's New Twentieth Century

Dictionary printed in 1958 reads: "1. violation of the marriage bed; sexual intercourse between a married man and a woman not his wife, or between a married woman and a man not her husband. Adultery is a common legal ground for divorce."

The seriousness of adultery is found in the words of Christ which followed: "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell." (Matthew 5:29, 30) Jesus is teaching that adultery involves more than the physical sex act motivated by lust in the heart, it includes a host of physical jesters and contacts leading up to the act. Christ teaches us to control our sexual behavior.

Remember the epic tale of Camelot? King Arthur's trusted knight Lancelot

came between him and Queen Guenevere. "It started with a look—an innocent look, without premeditation or evil intent. But it was a short, slippery step from a look to lust, from infatuation to infidelity. The look eventually led to a touch. The touch sometime later led to a kiss. The kiss, to adultery. And adultery, to tragedy." How many homes and families have broken up by the same sinful practices?

Adultery was punishable by death under the law. (Deuteronomy 22:22) Most of our states still have laws against adultery on the books, but they are ignored. "Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13:4) Sexual chastity is at the heart of family values!

Pastor "B"

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week and the new year: There's a miracle called friendship, it dwells within the heart, and you don't know how it happens or when it gets its start...but the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift and you realize that friendship is God's most precious gift.

New Year's bash on the 28th was well attended, and we rang out the old year and rang in the new at the special "midnight." A good time was had by all the seniors, and we all wish everyone a very happy new year and a safe and healthy one, too!

Some up-coming things for the first couple of weeks in January include: "BK" Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on the 3rd; Sunday brunch on the 7th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., with omelette-style

scrambled eggs; Dance with Tina on the 9th at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday luncheon on the 10th at 12:30 p.m.; BPs on the 11th from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

There could be a lot more people enjoying themselves if they would take advantage of activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up, or just chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, it is really the best deal in town. Any senior, or spouse, that is 60 or more is welcome, and bring your friends and families. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for

seniors remains the same, at \$1.50, however, the charge for those under 60 goes up to \$3.

Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try to call ahead (348-7123). Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner

Jan. 3-BBQ Beef/Baked Chicken;
Jan. 4-Pork Steak/Meatloaf;
Jan. 5-Brown Steak/No Dinner;
Jan. 8-Chicken Kiev/Spaghetti & Meatballs;
Jan. 9-Oven Perch/Weiner Schnitzel;
Jan. 10-Swiss Steak/Chicken Pot Pie;
Jan. 11-Baked Ham/Beef Stew;
Jan. 12-BBQ Chicken/No Dinner.

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LATER IS WHAT IT IS

I received a birthday card that stood somewhere between comical and serious. It stated: "Sorry this is late. Guess you knew that sooner or later I'd send you a card - but gee whiz, I'm Sorry that sooner is what it ain't and later is what it is!"

That will hold you for a while! And pinch you awake as you remember all those things you promised yourself you would do: that trip "down home" to visit the kin; a long overdue letter still unwritten, that kindly phone call not yet dialed.

"Sooner is what it ain't."

What about those things you promised yourself? The unread "good book?" The lazy day and walk through the park?

Sometimes we discover that we live life in the land of "later is what it is." Gone are those precious persons who could have lighted our lives, and we theirs. Gone are the golden opportunities to touch and be touched by hosts of persons standing at our door knocking.

"Later is what it is," and we stand over the stone markers of unseized privileges and weep, knowing that such markers could have been monuments to achieved-moments but instead they are tombstones to failed causes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Philippians 4:1-23	Matthew 4:12-25	Matthew 8:1-13	Matthew 8:14-22	Matthew 8:23-34	Matthew 9:1-13	Matthew 2:1-15

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Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service.....10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday.....8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

Sunday Worship.....9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.).....10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service.....9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School.....10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues.....7 p.m.

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Rev. Ron Vuelker, Pastor
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Church 348-8885/Parsonage 348-2588
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Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
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Sunday Ser. & Sunday School.....11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.).....7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Primary.....11 a.m.
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

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Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Wednesday.....7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Cochran
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School.....9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Wayne Horton
Corner of North Down River Rd. and Glenn Rd.
Church School.....9:45 a.m.
Preaching.....11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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Sunday.....9 & 11 a.m.

Daily Worship
Tuesday & Thursday.....7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday.....9:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation, anytime by appointment, Saturday at 4 p.m. and 1/2 hour prior to weekday masses.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
Sunday School.....9:45
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night.....7 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awaken Club (Wed).....7 p.m.

Church of Christ
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Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday Classes & Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study.....7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School.....9 a.m.
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Bible Message
Pastor Debra E. Weaver
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Sunday Worship.....10 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
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Sunday Worship.....11 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening.....7 p.m.

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Wednesday Services.....7 p.m.

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Chapel Service.....11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7-8 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday).....7 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study.....9 a.m.

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Grayling High School performance awards

One hundred seventy-six students at Grayling High School recently received Renaissance cards for their performance during the first marking period. To earn a Renaissance card, these students had to meet the criteria listed below:

Gold card: 3.5 GPA or a .7 improvement, two or fewer absences and no office referrals for discipline.

Green card: 3.0 GPA or a .5 improvement, two or fewer absences and no office referrals for discipline.

White card: 2.5 GPA or a .3 improvement, three or fewer absences and no more than one office referral for discipline.

Rewards were given along with each card, with gold cards getting the greater rewards, followed by green cards, and then white cards. The rewards for each card are as follows:

Gold card: 10 percent off at Flowers By Josie, single combo at Wendy's, free sandwich from McDonald's, foot-long sub at Subway, and crazy bread from Little Caesar's.

Green card: 10 percent off at Flowers By Josie, biggie fry and medium drink at Wendy's, large fry at McDonald's, a 6-inch sub from Subway, and crazy bread from Little Caesar's.

White card: 10 percent off at Flowers by Josie, biggie fry at Wendy's, small drink at McDonald's, three cookies from Subway, and crazy bread from Little Caesar's.

Chemical Bank North, Grayling State Bank and Empire National Bank surprised these students by furnishing a breakfast sandwich from McDonald's for all 176 students who received their Renaissance Cards on this day. These three banks were more than willing to bank on these students, and to let them know they were proud of their efforts and success.

The Performance program is going well, with weekly contests based on 100 percent of homework being turned in, no tardies for the week, having a good attitude and giving good effort for the week. Each week, a lucky class has won either a pizza party or donuts.



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On Saturday evening, Jan. 13, area residents will have the opportunity to get the new year off to a great start, when the highly-choreographed show choir ensemble known throughout the state as the "Macomers" performs at 8 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Founded in 1970, they are Michigan's oldest college show choir featuring a group which includes 15 singers/dancers, three instrumentalists, a production manager and assistant, and a director. Although constantly changing their musical selections and personnel, they continue to receive rave reviews. Recent audiences have included former presidents George Bush and Ronald Reagan. The group will perform a variety of popular music for everyone to enjoy.

Tickets for this performance may be secured by calling the Crawford AuSable School District Community Education Cultural Events box office at 348-7641, extension 550 days, or 123 evenings, or at the door at \$4 for adults or \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium open at 6:45 p.m. The 1995-96 Community Education Cultural Events Series is made possible with the support of many local area businesses and corporations.

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Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

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GMS Forensic team achieves success

The Grayling Middle School Forensic Team travelled to the University of Michigan on Saturday, Dec. 16 to compete in the Michigan State Forensic Meet. The team performed up to its top standards.

Over 400 students from 22 schools participated in the forensic meet.

Receiving first place blue ribbons for perfect rounds of 100 were Amanda Fortino, Kane Madsen, Christie Dunckley, Jill Ryther, Kim Mallory, Danielle McClanahan, Colby Davis, Darcie Trudgeon and Mandy Gnath.

For Duo Competition, Amanda Fortino and Danielle McClanahan finished ninth in the state. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Brandi McClain finished fourth and Jennifer Wheeling finished ninth. In Informative Speaking, Kane Madsen took third place. In Multiple Interpretation, Christie Dunckley, Colby Davis and Darcie Trudgeon took a third place finish. In Oratory, Jill Ryther placed fifth and Amy Price placed tenth. Mandy Gnath finished eighth in Prose. Kim Mallory took ninth place in Storytelling.

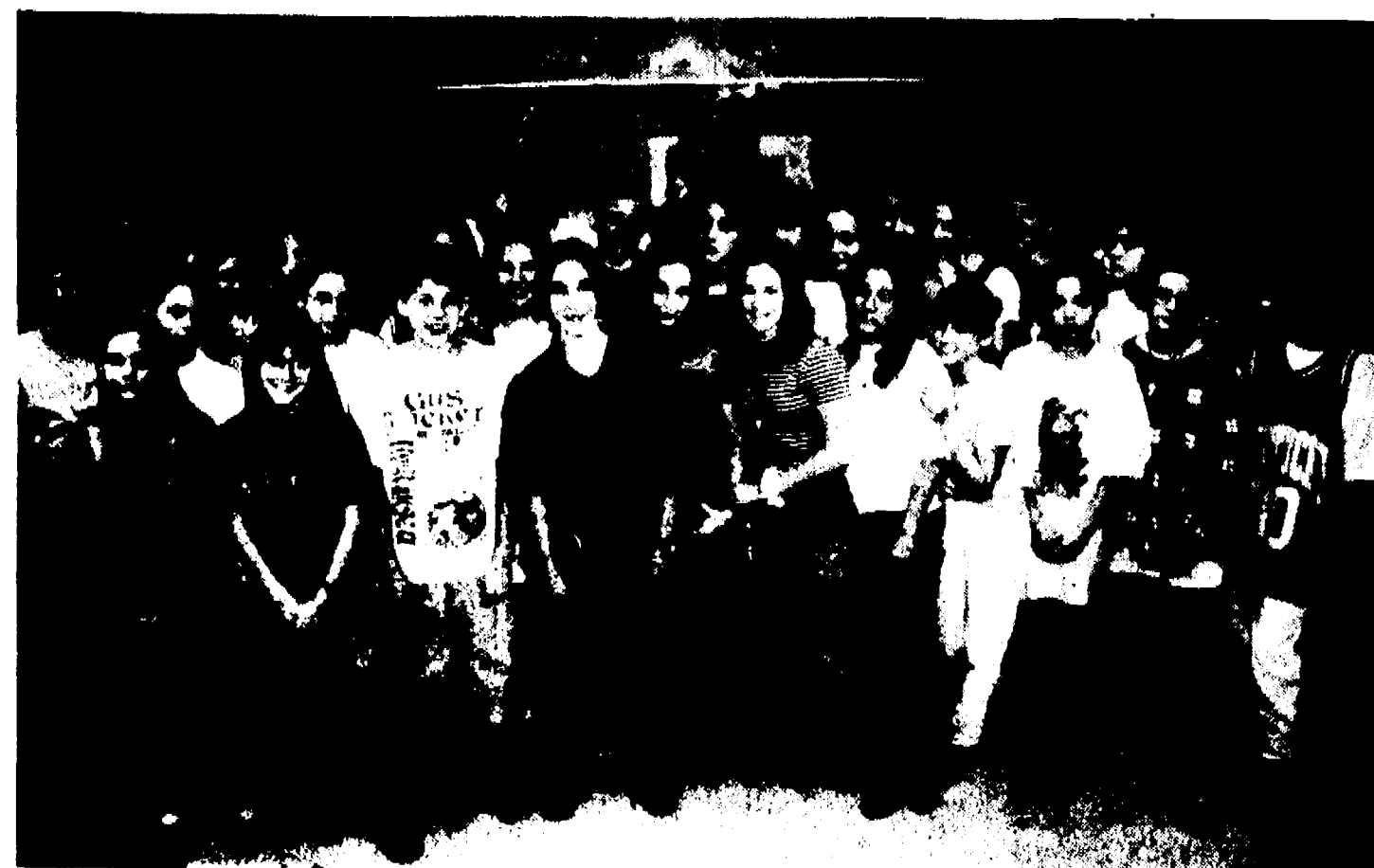
The Grayling Middle School Forensic Team hosted their first forensic tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The forensic team took first place with 42 out of 56 possible points. Fairview was second with five points, Bay City finished third with four points and Beaverton came in fourth with three points.

The Vikings amassed nine out of a possible 10 first place finishes. The Vikings also added up six second place, and three third place finishes.

The Vikings competed in 10 different categories. For Dramatic Interpretation, Sam Moore finished in first place with three perfect scores of a 100. Mika Sumner finished in second place.

First place for Duo Competition went to the team of Amanda Fortino



A TALENTED GROUP -- The Grayling Middle School Forensics team finished in first place overall with 42 out of 56 possible points. The team earned nine out of 10 possible individual first place finishes at their meet on Dec. 2.

and Danielle McClanahan. Fortino and McClanahan finished each of the three rounds with a perfect score of 100 points, beating out last year's state champions from Bay City by just one point.

Brandi McClain finished in first place for Extemporaneous Speaking with three perfect scores of 100. Finishing in second place was Jennifer Wheeling.

In the Impromptu category, Tim Ormshee finished in first place with a total of 299 out of 300 points. Monica Kustra finished in third place.

Brian McCurdy finished in first place for the Informative Speaking with three perfect scores for a total of 300 points. Kane Madsen kept

McCurdy on his toes as he finished in second place with 299 points total. Ara Gallagher finished in third, effectively shutting out the competing schools.

The team of Darcie Trudgeon, Colby Davis, and Christie Dunckley finished in first place for the Multiple Interpretation.

Finishing in first place with 299 out of 300 points was Amy Price in the Oratory category. Just one point kept Jill Ryther out of the first place spot as she finished second with 298 points.

Brandi Lewis finished in first place in the Poetry category with a score of 299 out of a possible 300 finish.

Marcus Weaver finished in second place for Prose. Mandy Gnath finished third.

In the Storytelling category, Sarah

Carmean took first place with a perfect finish of 300 points. Gina Rosi came in second with 299 points.

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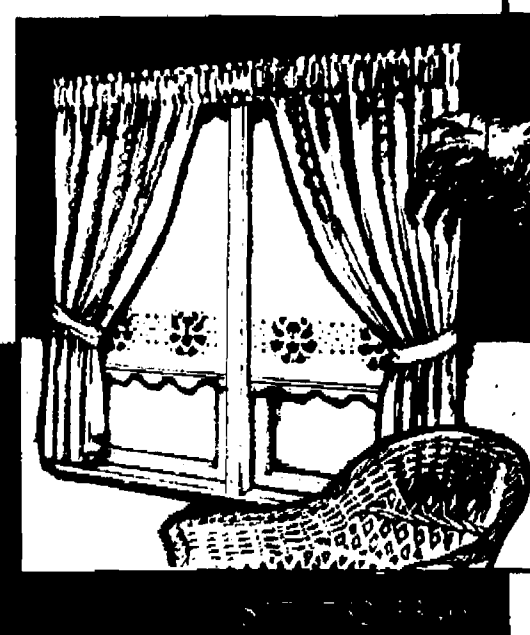
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Janet White
Janet Grace White, 92, of Stockton, California, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 1995. A memorial service will be scheduled sometime in the summer. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mrs. White was born Jan. 4, 1903, in Grayling. She had, at one time, resided in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. White was preceded in death by her husband, Russell White, on July 21, 1974, and by her parents, Efner and Jeannette Matson.

Survivors include: sister, Libby Matson of Stockton, California; niece, Patricia Leopadi of Warren, Ohio; nephews, John Matson of Herndon, Virginia, and Gerald Matson of Milford; and grand-nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Crawford County Historical Society.

Ernest Harrington
Ernest Harrington, 84, of Grayling, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. No services are planned. Burial of ashes will be in Millington Cemetery, Millington. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Harrington was born Nov. 27, 1911, in Fremont Township, to Levi and Ida May (Abernathy) Harrington, who both preceded him in death.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Duane Furrow
There will be a memorial service for MSG Duane Furrow (Ret) on Jan. 6, at 11 a.m., at the Camp Grayling Chapel.

Alice Harney
Alice M. Harney, 83, of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 29, at 4 p.m., at Nowata Memorial Park, Nowata, Oklahoma, with Reverend Ben Killian officiating. Arrangement for services and shipping to Oklahoma, were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harney was born April 28, 1912, in Stockton, Missouri. She had been a resident of Grayling since January, 1994, previously living in Nowata, Oklahoma since 1965. She had lived in Michigan for 30 years, 19 of which were in Grayling prior to moving to Nowata. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Harney was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Bum" Harney; brothers Earl and Billy Sellers; and sister, Ola VanWinkle.

Survivors include: daughters, Betty L. and husband Bob Williams of Alma, and Shirley A. Johnston of Grayling; son, Jack and wife Sherry Harney of Grayling; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sister, Una Carr of Nowata, Oklahoma.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Crawford County Library or to the Van Fund at Mercy Manor.

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Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Question: Our family's New Year's resolutions this year include reducing fat in our diet. Any suggestions?

Answer: Most American families eat too much fat and probably don't even realize it. Does this sound like your family?

- Your salads are coated with salad dressing.
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- Many of your foods are fried.
- Butter or margarine is on the table every meal.
- You like pizza with extra cheese.
- The children eat sausage and hot dogs more than once a week.
- Ice cream is the usual dessert.
- Your favorite family restaurant specializes in hamburgers and fries.
- Breakfast is typically eggs, bacon and hashbrowns.
- You frequently cook red meat for dinner and never remove the skin from chicken.

If this portrays a picture of your family's daily eating habits, you probably are consuming too much fat, and cutting down on fats in the diet would be a great way to start the New Year. Changing your diet, (next to stopping smoking and wearing your seat belts) could be the best thing you do for your health. High-fat eating can cause you to gain weight, as well as make you more likely to develop certain health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Could you possibly eat too little fat? Most experts believe this is almost impossible for Americans, unless you are a child under two (children under two should never be put on low-fat diets.)

Eating a low-fat diet is simply following a few general guidelines in the main areas.

Shopping—Begin low-fat grocery shopping. Buy lots of fruits and vegetables, enough so that each family member can have at least five servings

per day. Also, increase the amount of breads, cereals and pastas you normally purchase. In the meat section, select low-fat meats such as beef sirloin tip, pork tenderloin, white meat of poultry and fish. But only low-fat or no-fat dairy products. Instead of ice cream choose frozen juice bars or no-fat frozen yogurt.

Cooking—roast, bake or grill meat instead of frying. Steam or microwave vegetables. Use cooking spray instead

of oil or margarine. Change recipes to reduce fat with low-fat substitutes. Season with herbs instead of butter.

Eating—Use low-fat salad dressings and stay away from croutons and bacon bits. Substitute mustard for mayonnaise on a sandwich. Order pizza with vegetable toppings and light cheese instead of sausage, pepperoni and extra cheese. Eat baked potatoes instead of french fries, and remove skin from chicken before eating. Select

a bagel or toast and jam instead of a donut for breakfast.

These are only general guidelines to help reduce fat in the diet, but they should make a difference. Calculating fat percentages in foods and reading food labels can be even more beneficial. However making even a few changes could place your family well on the way to healthier eating and feeling their best.

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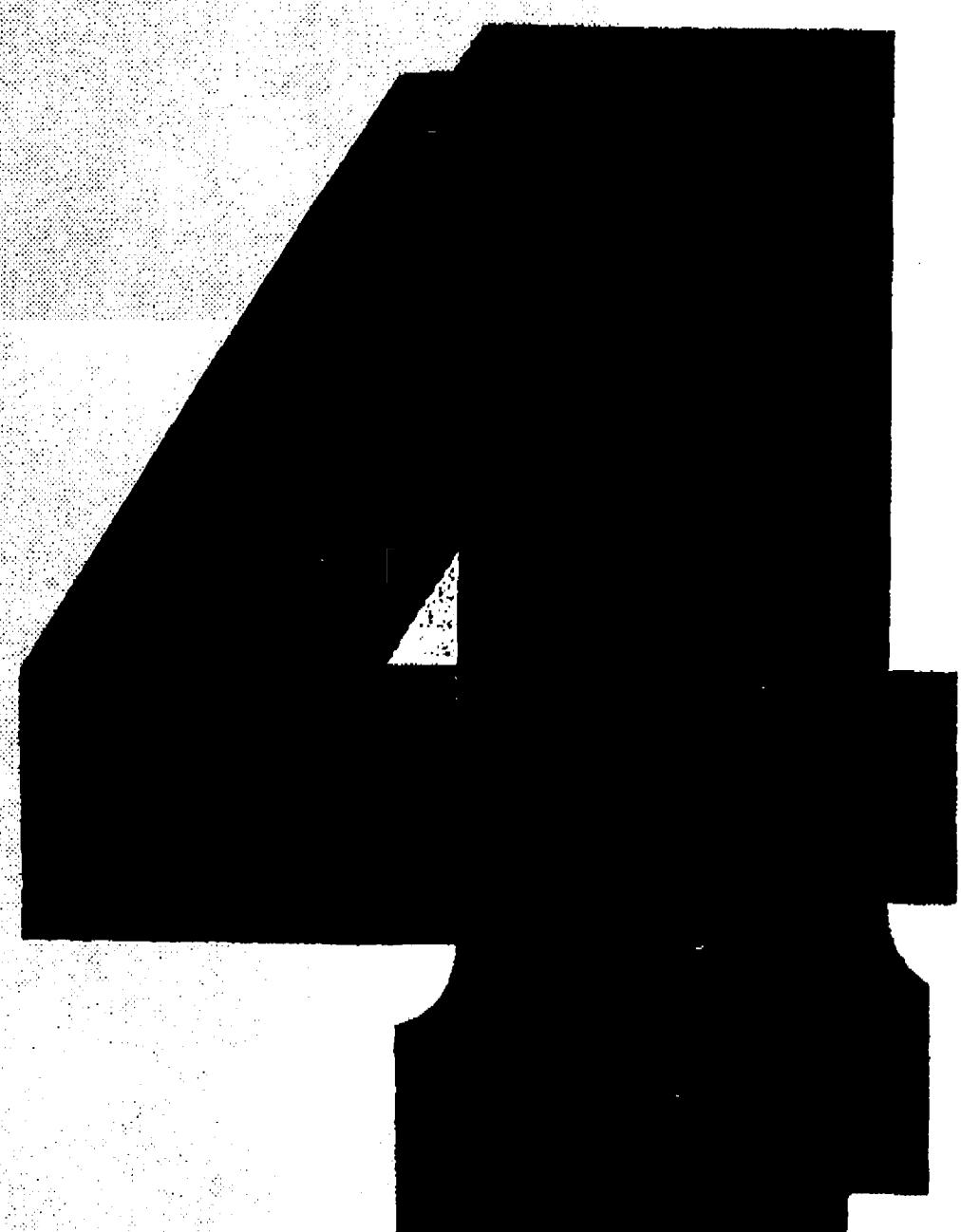
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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter,
North Higgins Lake State Park

By the time you read this, the new year will have started, and from the looks of the calendar, 1996 is already proving to be busy. Despite the cold, snow and holidays, I have been spending a good deal of time in the nursery, specifically in the cone barn, but sometime before spring, work will start in the ice house with the intention of improving the interpretation of the building and its function within the nursery.

Ice houses were once common fixtures in cities, towns and even on farms. Before artificial refrigeration, ice could be cut from nearly any pond or lake, providing one of the few convenient ways to cool drinks, keep perishable foods and, in our case, young pine seedlings from spoiling. Our ice house isn't large, but it must have stored enough ice to keep both the cook and the nursery superintendent happy.

Large (some ice houses could store 10,000 tons of ice) or small, an ice house was two buildings in one, with the space between the inner and outer walls filled with hay or sawdust to provide the necessary insulation. Before the first layer of ice was placed on the floor, a layer of clean, dry sawdust or hay was put down, then a layer of ice. Sawdust or hay and ice made alternate layers until the ice house was full. There must have been other years when the lake froze over as early as it did in 1995, and I suspect the seed extraction schedule was altered, to

some extent, to take advantage of the available ice, at least prior to the time when the big coolers were constructed in the basement of the packing house.

I'm not certain how the ice was transported from the lake to the ice house, but in some areas, a channel was opened from the shore to where the ice was being cut into blocks. From the shore to the ice house, the ice was moved by man or horse power up an inclined slide. Considering the original location of our ice house (it was located near the cook shanty according to one drawing available) the ice was probably transported on a horse-drawn sled to the building.

The building doesn't have a door, but rather a series of boards set in a slot one atop the other. As successive layers of ice were put in the building, another board was added and, according to those who claim to know, this was a better alternative than a door. Once entry into the ice house was gained, the detective work will begin. The inside dimensions will provide a clue as to the volume of ice that could be stored. What, if any, artifacts remaining therein will also help determine what, besides ice, may have been temporarily kept there. Shelves, hooks (or the evidence of same) might indicate the past presence of meat, eggs or crocks. All in all, it shapes up to be a fun project that will have to be worked upon between scheduled tours and programs.

If any of you reading this have any photos or remembrances of the ice cutting-storage operations at the pine nursery, I would sure appreciate your help. Give me a call at (517) 821-6125, or write me in care of North Higgins Lake State Park, 11252 N. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653.

TaxTips

Child-care expenses

Question: May I claim a credit for child-care expenses I pay while I'm looking for work?

Answer: You may claim a child-care credit for expenses that are work-related—those that allow you (and your spouse, if you are married) to work or to actively look for work. To claim a credit for child-care expenses incurred during your job search, however, you must have some earned income during the year.

Jury-duty pay

Question: I was recently called for jury duty. I continued to receive my pay from my employer while I served, but my company required me to turn over to them the jury-duty fee I earned. What are the tax consequences of all of this?

Answer: You must include in income both your wages and the jury-duty pay. You may deduct the amount you turned over to your employer, however. What's more, you can deduct this amount even if you do not itemize deductions.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Another telephone call gave us a glimpse of something different in the way of Christmas trees. Mrs. Marie Mahaney has four Christmas trees, all of them made of goose feathers called feather trees. Her large tree is green-dyed feathers, a smaller one is blue-dyed feathers, and two smaller ones are white. They were made by an uncle in New York City many, many years ago, and some that he had made were used in displays for Macy's and Bloomingdale's. The stand for her green tree is an antique music-box tree stand. The feather trees were a German tradition. Probably because of the lack of trees in some areas of Germany.

Another place that was brightly lighted this year was a home just a short distance off Madsen Street on the South Side, lights all around the fence and roof.

The Avalanche building has a much-improved appearance with new windows, doors, gray siding and front-roof decor. And over the 'Y' of State and Alger Street there are new apartments going up. We are told there will be four of them, and it looks as though it will make a big improvement in the appearance of that area.

Sara Bobenmoyer was one of 24 students inducted into Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology at Central Michigan University on Dec. 5. Sara is the daughter of Keith and Joy Bobenmoyer.

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Section B- Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 4, 1996

A look back at the headlines of 1995

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

The year 1995 is now in the history books. As the new year gets underway, the Avalanche takes a look at the headlines of 1995 one last time.

JANUARY

Voters turned down two Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) millage proposals. The failure of a proposal to fund the operation of the county-wide Dial-a-ride system, could lead to the reduction of weekend services. "We can't maintain our seven day per week service without an increase in revenue," said David Frederick, director of the CCTA. The proposal was defeated 666-786. A proposal to fund the operation and maintenance of the airport as well as constructing an air industrial park was also defeated 491-961.

Jerry Meyer, former TV 7&4 news anchor,

accepted the position of executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

JERRY MEYER

Meyer replaced former executive director, Deb Allen, who accepted a position as executive director of the Gaylord/Oshtemo Chamber of Commerce.

The Michigan Militia issued an order for out-of-state military units to quit using the Camp Grayling facilities. The militia stated use of the camp by the United States Army, the Canadian Air Force and other units are against the law.

Butch Brown won the Avalanche's Football Contest for the second year in a row. Brown stated his winning streak was "just luck."

A life-size wooden statue of the Viking's mascot, Victor, was unveiled. The statue was purchased by the Grayling Viking Football Club.

Jaymie Corlew was crowned Grayling Junior Miss 1995. Brooke Blaauw was 1st Runner-up and Sarah Amman was 2nd Runner-up.

After more than a year of delays, the trial of Richard Peter Marsack for the murder of Grayling resident Terry Barr was underway in Kalkaska Circuit Court. All court observers were checked by a metal detector before entering the courtroom.

FEBRUARY

The Crawford AuSable School District buses received an 'excellent' safety rating for the ninth straight year. Mike Alma, supervisor of the buses, said, "What really causes us to get the excellent award is the care the drivers put into their buses." The district received blue and silver stickers to place on each bus in the fleet.

A house fire in Frederic led to the death of 34-year-old Kevin Gene Wertenberger. Officials believed the fire was started by a woodstove. Wertenberger's body was found after the fire was extinguished.

Tom Cannon was the winner of the Winter Wolf Challenge triathlon finishing with a time of 49:30:50.

The trial of Richard Peter Marsack continues into its second month with the prosecution still building its case.

The Crawford County Solid Waste Committee decides to recommend that the county board of commissioners approve the proposed amendment to the county's solid waste plan allowing additional counties to be added.

MARCH

On the second try, voters agreed to a proposal to build a new elementary school. A similar proposal was defeated in December. This time the proposal passed 1,594 to 1,555. A second proposal that would have provided renovations to the high school was defeated by a vote of 1,507 to 1,618.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigated a bomb threat at Camp Grayling. The Michigan Militia was believed to threaten to



AND THE WINNER IS -- Grayling High School junior Jaymie Corlew (C) was named the 1995 Grayling Junior Miss. Brooke Blaauw (L) was 1st runner up and Sarah Amman (R) was 2nd runner up. The young ladies won their honors in competition with 15 other contestants at the Junior Miss Program on Saturday, Jan. 21.

blow up Soviet tanks located at Camp Grayling. Norm Olson, director of the Michigan Militia, denied making the threat. The tanks belong to the Department of Defense and have been used for training and research for the past 12 years.

Bruce Ahms of Grayling, was arraigned in Roscommon County on charges of open murder in the death of 2-year-old Michelle Bird of Roscommon.

Richard Peter Marsack was found guilty of first degree murder in the ambush-style shooting of Terry Barr of Grayling. Barr was shot in the back when he got out of his vehicle to move a log blocking the road on July 13, 1993.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department and STING arrested two Grayling men in a drug bust. The men were charged with trafficking marijuana and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD).



SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON -- Richard Peter Marsack (R) received the mandatory sentence for the murder of Terry Barr. He is pictured with his defense attorney Richard Zipser.

City Environmental Services of Waters agreed to several concessions including providing 10 years of free recycling to Crawford County if the board of commissioners and municipalities passed the amendment to the county's solid waste plan.

APRIL

The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 19, stunned the nation. Residents of Crawford County and Michigan were shocked to hear of a possible connection between the bombing in Oklahoma City and the Michigan Militia. The FBI investigated the Michigan Militia after receiving threats to bomb Russian tanks and equipment located at Camp Grayling in February.

Over 100 people, including children, were killed in the bombing of the federal building. More than 400 were injured. General Norman Olson, commander of the First Brigade of the Michigan Militia denied the militia was involved with either incident. Federal officials arrested Timothy McVeigh and detained brothers Terry and James Nichols as material wit-

nesses. All three men are from Decker, a small farming community in Michigan's thumb area.

At the request of Roger Kneff, the votes from the March 21 school election were recounted with the same results. Kneff cited possible fraud or error as his reason for a recount. After five hours, and only one vote in question, Kneff conceded to the accuracy of the original count.

Richard Peter Marsack was sentenced to life in prison for the first degree murder of Terry Barr. In Michigan, a sentence of life in prison is mandatory for a first-degree murder conviction.

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MAY

The proposed amendment to the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan failed after commissioners deadlocked over the issue in a 3-3 tie on May 2. The roll call vote split with commissioners John Hartman, Dennis Long and Robert McLachlan voting to approve the amendment. Commissioners Bruce Bretzke, Kathy Black and Robert Smock voted to not approve the amendment.

CESW Attorney, Michael Nelson, said, "We're disappointed the county didn't allow the municipalities the opportunity to decide for themselves to pass the amendment."

The commissioners who voted against amending the county's solid waste plan, explained an enforcement mechanism was needed before they would feel comfortable voting yes.

Commissioner Black said there has never been a better time for the county and CESW to negotiate a mutually beneficial agreement. "I don't think we're that far apart," she said.

CESW legal council, Susan Johnson, said, "There is no room for negotiation."

Before the month of May was over, CESW and its parent company, City Management, demanded the return of \$3.8 million from Crawford County, which was the purchase price of the landfill. CESW also demanded that the county resume operation and responsibility of the landfill.



MICHIGAN MILITIA -- The activities of the militia made headlines throughout the year. The group was investigated by the FBI in connection with a threat to bomb equipment at Camp Grayling.

Members of the Michigan Militia were evicted from a firing range at Camp Grayling. The members had applied for permission to use the range as verified members of the Civilian Marksmanship Program, not members of a militia organization. Lieutenant Colonel Gary McConnell encountered the 11 members of the Southern Michigan Militia preparing to fire on Range 8 during a routine spot check of range facility users. The militia group left Camp Grayling without incident.

The Department of Natural Resources announced that the Smith Bridge was completed.

Grayling High School announced its top ten graduates. Nathaniel Rosi was named the Valedictorian for the Class of '95. Matthew Judson Riedner was named Salutatorian.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Grayling resident and World War II veteran Robert Hartwig shared his experiences and graphic photos of the Nazi death camps with Avalanche readers.

JUNE

Voters placed Linda Franklin and James McMillan in the two vacant seats on the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education. Franklin and McMillan beat out three other candidates including 18-year incumbent and current Board President Bernadine Dosch.

Vandals turned over nine headstones and spray painted obscenities on two others at Elmwood Cemetery. An anonymous tip led to the confession of a female teenager. At least two other suspects were being sought.



VANDALS DESECRATE -- 11 headstones at Elmwood Cemetery.

Thousands of young men who proudly served their nation in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the depression era, have been memorialized in a life-sized statue, which stands at the entrance to the CCC museum in North Higgins Lake State Park.



DREAMS COME TRUE -- The CCC statue was the dream of Rev. William Fraser (L) of Grayling, who worked for several years raising more than \$38,000 to fund the project. Dick Nylitz (R) of the DNR was also present at the unveiling of the statue.

Public Act 13 of 1995 was signed into law thanks to Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin. The law calls for tougher penalties for individuals who damage or destroy a school bus. Sabin urged Representative Allen Lowe to introduce the bill after CASD buses were vandalized in November 1993.

JULY

Winds clocked up to 90 mph on July 13, caused power outages throughout northern Michigan and Crawford County. Officials at Top O' Michigan said over 10,000 customers lost power in their service area. Many customers were without power for several days.

Thanks to the ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #3736, a Fourth of July parade once more marched down Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Firefighters from the DNR and Beaver Creek Township evacuated 800 campers from Jellystone Campground on Four Mile Road. The evacuation was a precautionary measure until a nearby 6-acre fire was extinguished. Sparks and ash floated into the campground sometime after 5 p.m., causing the need to evacuate. The fire was started by fireworks. Campers were able to return later that afternoon.

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A Grayling woman was run off the road in a failed robbery attempt on northbound I-75. A man, driving a stolen car, ran her off the road and demanded her purse. She drove off. He followed her to Gaylord. The suspect was later apprehended in Canada by Canadian police.

Representative Allen Lowe helps end a prison job-pass program at Camp Lehman once and for all. Lowe had received several conflicting reports about the existence of a job-pass program at Camp Lehman. He issued a statement saying, "Officials of the Department (of Corrections) have not been able to agree as to whether there is a work release program operations at the camp, and where the program operates in the state. Until such time I receive one answer that agrees with the facts, I cannot vote for any more money for the Department." The program was cancelled again less than a month later.

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon ended with a surprising finish. Defending champions Serge Corbin and Solomon Carriere, were unseated by Jim Harwood of Grayling and Patrick Lynch of Quebec. Harwood and Lynch finished the gruelling 120-mile race with the third fastest finish time ever recorded. Harwood and Lynch crossed the finish line in 14 hours, 20 minutes and 40 seconds.

AUGUST

CESW filed suit against Crawford and Otsego counties asking for more than \$22 million in damages. The lawsuit stems from Crawford County's failure to approve an amendment to its solid waste plan allowing additional counties. CESW claims that Crawford County's failure to allow additional counties is a breach of contract and that the breach of contract cannot benefit as expected and will experience a severe loss and hardship in its business.

A leak from a Union Oil of California (UNOCAL) flow line contaminated a remote area in Beaver Creek Township. The leak was due to internal corrosion. Crude oil, natural gas and salt water was released into the soil. A spokesperson for UNOCAL said the cleanup would take a couple of months.

Bruce Ahms pleaded "no contest" to charges of second degree murder for the death of 2-year-old Michelle



BREAKING RECORDS -- Jim Harwood of Grayling and Patrick Lynch of Quebec won the AuSable River Canoe Marathon with the third fastest time ever recorded, upsetting defending champs Serge Corbin and Solomon Carriere.

Bird. Judge Michael Matuzak of the 34th Circuit Court said, "Michelle Bird died as a result of the actions of the defendant."

The 3rd Annual Lovells Bridge Walk attracted hundreds of people on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The community rallies to help raise money for 11-year-old Sarah Weaver. Sarah spent most of the summer in the Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan hospital fighting Nephrotic Syndrome, an extremely rare disorder of the kidney.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Irene Schultes was charged with growing marijuana.

The CASD Board of Education voted to allow Courtney Welch to attend as a tuition student for one more year. The board told her father that she would not be granted status as a tuition student next year. Board member Brian Banda said Courtney was a "medically fragile child" who was too risky to continue at CASD.

SEPTEMBER

On Sept. 14, Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Paul Smith and Michigan State Police Trooper Ronald Croskey were shot at a rest area on southbound I-75. A shootout began when officers, investigating a drive off from a Gaylord gas station, were informed the vans in question were stolen.

Joseph Lira opened fire hitting Deputy Smith in the chest at point blank range. Trooper Croskey was shot twice. Deputy Conrad Niederhouse exchanged gunfire with Lira, but was uninjured. All officers were able to return fire, hitting Lira several times. Officers had Lira in custody before additional help arrived.

Michigan Militia members stopped a public hearing and special meeting of the Frederic Township Board. The militia claimed the meeting was illegal because the township failed to

have a notice on the township hall and all members were not present.

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss asked the county commissioners to hire a Grand Rapids law firm to assist him in preparing an answer and defense against the lawsuit filed by CESW. The county's insurance carrier will not handle it.

The county filed a counter suit against CESW demanding they pay the county \$10,000 per day for violations of waste control regulations. If the court finds in the county's favor, CESW could pay as much as \$12 million for violations dating back to 1992.

Strong Families/Save Children initiative began in Crawford County. The program will bring \$227,000 to Crawford County over the next two years.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announced plans to defend three citizens in a defamation suit filed by County Commissioner Robert McLachlan. ACLU Legal Director Paul J. Denenfeld said, "This is a dangerous lawsuit. One that smacks of infringement of freedom of speech." McLachlan's lawyer said the suit was filed to end "attempts at character

assassination" of his client.

County Clerk Beth Wieland retired. She has been the county clerk and register of deeds since 1982.

OCTOBER

Deputies Smith and Niederhouse were honored for service to their community. Trooper Croskey was unable to attend because he was still recuperating. During the ceremony, Sheriff David Lovely said, "Everyone in the community has felt the shock-wave of what happened out there."

Shooting suspect Joseph Lira faced his victims at his preliminary examination. After three hours of testimony, Lira was bound over to circuit court on three charges of assault with attempt to murder and three counts of felony firearms. Lira and Trooper Croskey were both in wheelchairs at the hearing.

President of Pontiac Fiberboard Volker Stockman announced that he hired the 5th largest contracting firm in the nation to build his \$135 million wood products complex on Four Mile Road in Grayling Township.

The Grayling Township Board voted unanimously to finance a \$25,000 topographical study of the section of state-owned land proposed as a site for the construction of the Pontiac Fiberboard industrial complex.

A 30 percent reduction in the military's budget forced the layoff of 24 civilian employees at Camp Grayling. At least 21 of those employees will remain unemployed until April



ABOVE AND BEYOND -- Sheriff deputies Paul Smith and Conrad Niederhouse received recognition for their service to the community. The two officers were involved in a shoot out in September.

North Flight added a Jeep Cherokee equipped with advanced life support to their fleet. The new vehicle will be used to intercept basic life support vehicles coming into the Grayling area.

NOVEMBER

Voters approved a \$7.5 million expansion project for Kirtland Community College by an 888 vote margin. The last expansion of the college was in 1985. Since then, student enrollment has increased by more than 50 percent.

The Michigan National Guard launched the first Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) ever to be fired in Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The United Way Auction raised a record \$23,000. More than 100 people attended the auction. Nearly 300 items were donated to the auction.

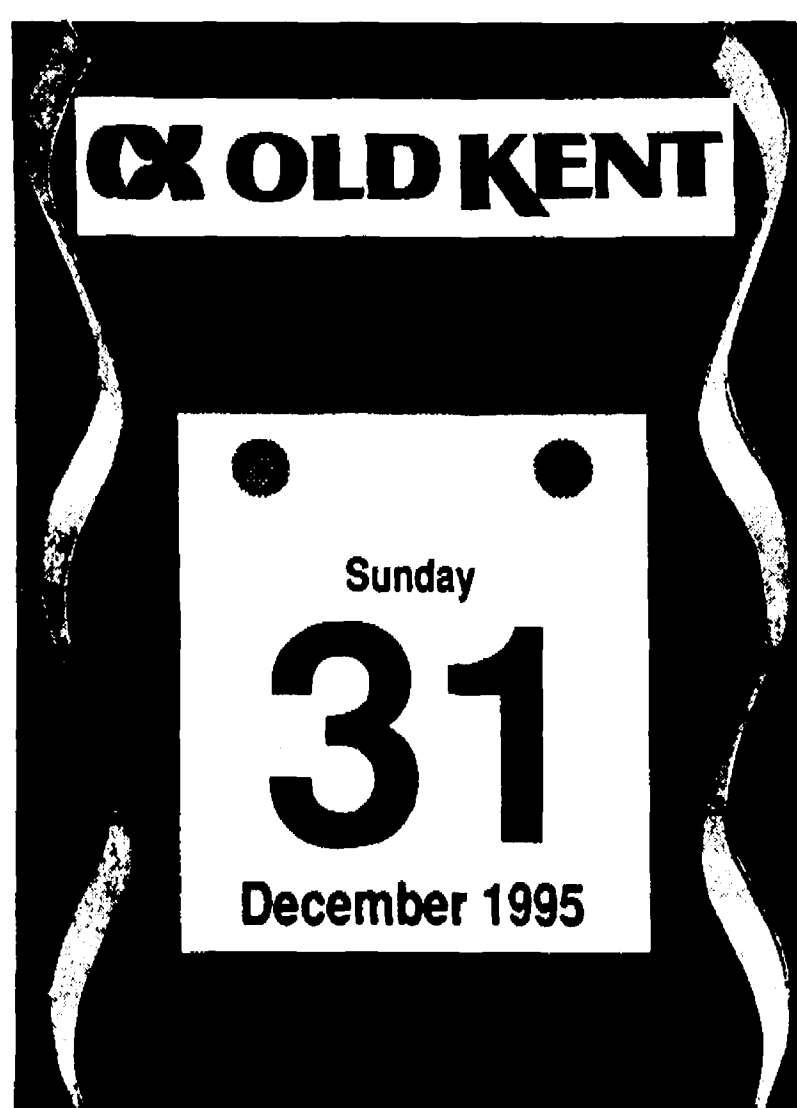
The Grayling City/Township Fire Department donated an old tanker truck to the Curran Fire Department. After attempts to sell the tanker failed, the City and Township boards voted unanimously to donate the truck to a needy fire department.

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FUTURE HOME OF AUSABLE PRIMARY SCHOOL -- Members of the Crawford AuSable Board of Education grab a shovel during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Elementary school.

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Joseph Lira pleaded guilty to three counts of assault with attempt to murder for the Sept. 14 shooting of two law enforcement officers.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Irene Schultes pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. Schultes said she had no plans to resign from her position as supervisor saying, "The voters can express their opinions at the polls in the next election."

Voters, however, decided they couldn't wait until the next election and started recall efforts. Signatures of 115 registered voters are necessary before a special election will be held.

Grayling Township voted to hire Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) to haul the township's 40-yard trash container at the North Down River Road transfer station through the year 2000. BFI planned to haul trash to its Presque Isle landfill, but must abide by the county's solid waste plan and take the trash to the local landfill.

Grayling was named as one of the top 20 great American sporting towns in the nation by *Outdoor Life Magazine*.



LET IT SNOW -- The snow came early this year, breaking records that had been set in 1923. More than 40 inches of snow fell during the month of November. Normally only 9 inches of snow falls in November.



A GOOD LAUGH -- The ability to laugh at yourself is an admirable trait. The members of the Grayling Rotary helped us do just that during their minstrel show. The board of commissioners were just one of many targets during the program.

November snowfall broke two records according to the National Weather Service in Houghton Lake. In November, 41.7 inches of snowfall was recorded. The previous record for the most November snowfall was set in 1923 when 33 inches fell. The 41.7 inches of snow was the biggest snowfall recorded for any month since 1940. On average, November only collects about nine inches of snowfall.

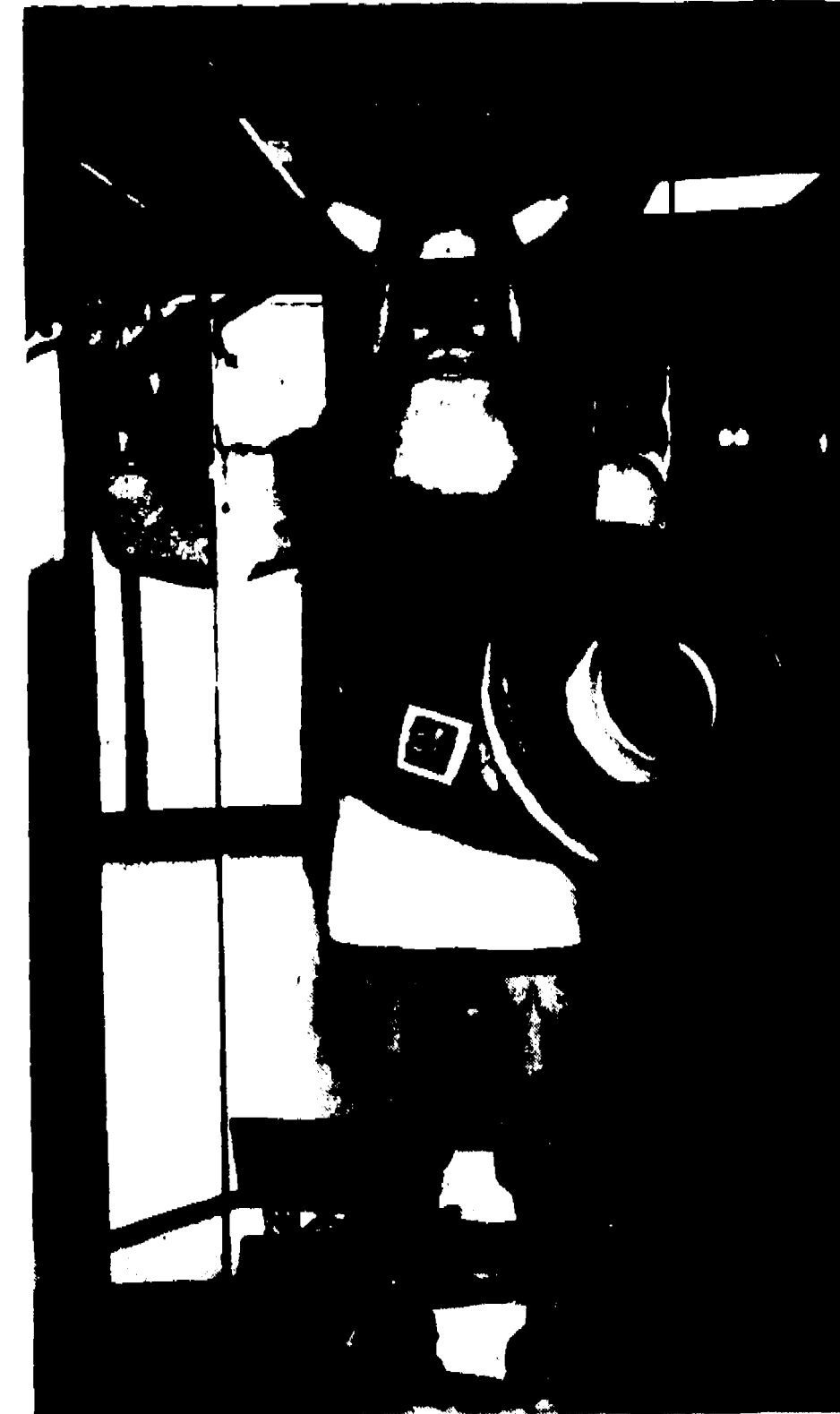
DECEMBER

Local hunter Mike McNamara was found in good condition after being reported missing by his father. McNamara was unable to seek shelter after falling through a creek. He was

located at 2 a.m. after being in the woods for more than 12 hours.

Four local businesses were caught selling alcohol to minors during an alcohol sting conducted by the sheriff's department and STING detectives. A local bar called other bars warning them about the alcohol sting, which may have skewed the results.

Less than a month into a five-year contract, Grayling Township officials are wondering where several loads of trash are being taken. BFI was supposed to haul trash to the local landfill, but CESW claims BFI have taken only one load to the local landfill.



VICTOR VIKING -- guards the halls of the Grayling High School. The lifesize wooden statue was donated by the Grayling Viking Football Club.

dance studio also received a special award for excellence in dance.

Legendary Grayling High School basketball coach, Bruce Smith, was honored at halftime of a boys basketball game on Dec. 12. Smith is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Joseph Lira was sentenced to serve three concurrent life sentences for the shooting of law enforcement officers on Sept. 14.

Kim Hagerman demonstrates that some Christmas gifts just can't be bought with money. Hagerman is donating one of her kidneys to her father, Jack, so he can be there for her children as a grandfather. The surgery is scheduled for Jan. 3. Kim expressed her belief that organ donation is the reason God gave humans two kidneys.

The Grayling Rotary's Minstrel Show returned to the stage. The Crawford County Jail, commissioners and prosecutor were just a few of the targets of this year's sellout performance.

The dancers of the Louise Toumaud School of Dance received 21 first place awards at a Chicago competition. The



SWEET SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS -- The voices of Grayling Promotional Association members joined in chorus to entertain and delight the visitors to Uptown Grayling during the annual Christmas Walk in November.

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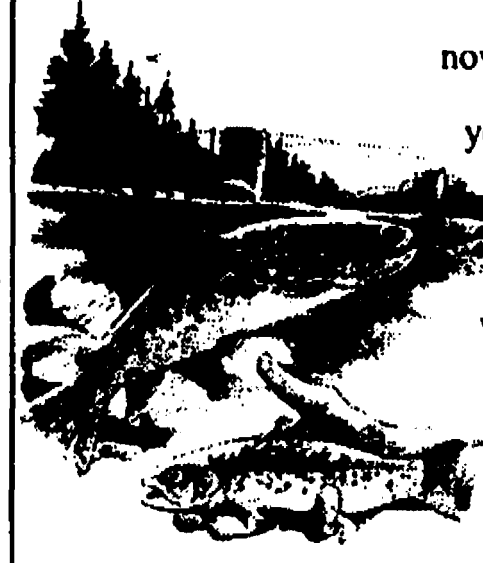
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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Welcome 1996!

We're right into winter fishing now, with good ice in most places. Higgins Lake froze earlier this year than we can ever remember, and the fishing is pretty good. So far, they have been getting some perch, and the smelt have been biting at night. Also, we've had some good catches of whitefish and some trout. Bear Lake has been producing some decent trout on the drop-offs, about 15 feet down in 30 feet of water. Also, Big Bradford has been doing well on big perch, deep as always, with wigglers right on the bottom.



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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Hanson Hills Recreation Area



YES! YES! YES! We're Open

Our cross-country trails are open and groomed! Everyone that has been skiing says they are wonderful! Our downhill slopes are also groomed and ready to go. Remember, after the kids go back to school, we are still open Thursday and Friday evenings, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out and have fun in the snow.

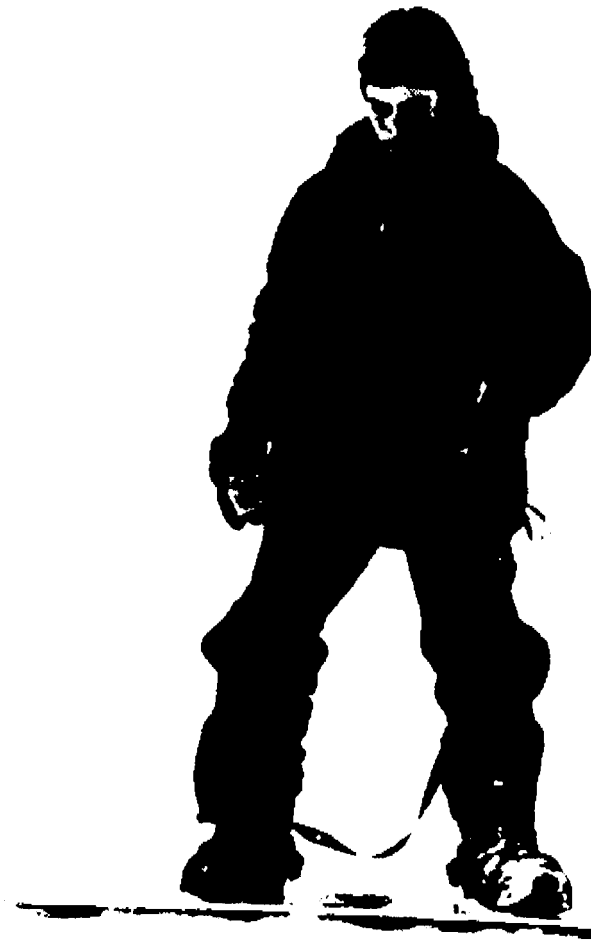
WINNERS Football Contest

Gerry St. Germain won the football contest for the final week this year, with a total of 63 out of a possible 70 points. He was followed by Butch Brown and Kenneth Conklin, tying for second place with 52 points each. There were a total of 142 entries this week.

Louise Hatfield came out on top in the overall contest, with a grand total of 322 points. She was followed, not so closely, by D. J. Metzger, 319; Annette Metzger, 316; Kimberly Curtis, 315; Irving McIsaac, 314; Kenneth Conklin, 313; Brenda Curtis, 312; Paul Elekonich, 307; Mike Brandel, 307, and Jacquie Glander, 306. A complete list of overall scores will run in next week's Avalanche.

Last week's winning teams were;

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Philadelphia (5 pts.) | 8. N. Carolina (2 pts.) | 15. USC (5 pts.) |
| 2. Buffalo (2 pts.) | 9. Virginia (5 pts.) | 16. Florida St. (2 pts.) |
| 3. Green Bay (5 pts.) | 10. Virginia Tech. (2 pts.) | 17. Indianapolis (5 pts.) |
| 4. Indianapolis (2pts.) | 11. Penn St. (5 pts.) | 18. Philadelphia (2 pts.) |
| 5. Tennessee (5 pts.) | 12. Tennessee (2 pts.) | 19. Green Bay (5 pts.) |
| 6. Penn St. (2 pts.) | 13. Syracuse (5 pts.) | 20. Buffalo (2 pts.) |
| 7. East Carolina (5 pts.) | 14. Colorado (2 pts.) | |



Amanda Love works on her snowboarding technique.

Paul Hamlin and son enjoying downhill skiing.

Ski Season

Ski season is in full swing! Parents and kids! Don't forget, we will be open after you go back to school! Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Private lessons are always available. Our cross-country trails will be groomed daily to bring you the best trails in Grayling. Grayling State Bank offers a free ski-race clinic for all skiers. Look for registration forms through the school or in our office, 348-9266.

Indoor Rollerblade Hockey League

Games begin Jan. 6. Register now! Facility Available

The Hanson Hills lodge and surrounding area is available to your club, organization, family and friends for informal meetings and gatherings. Rates determined by need. You may rent the entire Hanson Hills facility for \$175 plus \$75 deposit, for the entire day. (Horseshoes and volleyball available.)

4th and 5th Grade Free Ski Program

Registration information will be in the schools after the first of the year. Beginning date, Jan. 10.

Coming Soon

Pom Pon program for girls in grades 1-4, beginning Jan. 8. Cross-country Ski Club, ages eight and up - everyone welcome! Register by Jan. 8. Six weeks of skiing, one hour on Tuesday afternoons at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The beginning date is Jan. 9, from 4 to 5:15 p.m.

Operation Facelift

As part of our Operation Facelift Project, we are cleaning inside too. If your child has trophies or pictures that he/she has not picked up yet, call us before Dec. 30. Thank you!

Recreation Program News

Boys and girls skating classes will begin the week of Jan. 1. For further information, contact our office at 348-9266.

Ski Memberships

Memberships are available now for families and individuals. Lockers are also available again this year, for \$20.

Davenport College Gaylord Center

Winter Term Begins January 8th

Principles of Accounting I	Monday	6:00-9:25 pm
Interpersonal Communication	Monday	6:00-9:25 pm
Statistics II	Monday	6:00-9:25 pm
Cost Accounting II	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
Principles of Management	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
Credit and Collections	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
College Writing I	Wednesday	6:00-9:25 pm
Small Group Communications	Wednesday	6:00-9:25 pm
American History 1820-1900	Thursday	6:00-9:25 pm
Introduction to Algebra	Thursday	6:00-9:25 pm

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League		Northwood League	
Fun-N-Sun Rental	4-0	Stitch-in-Time	7
Cornell	3-1	Subway	6
Mark 8	3-1	Patti's Towne House	5
Schoer Motors	2-2	Wakeley's Auto Parts	4
Mickey Perez CPA	2-2	House of Cabinets	4
Glen's	1-3	Millikin's	4
Peterson Saw Service	1-3	Rich's Cycle Service	2
North Country R.V.	0-4	Pearls & Lace	0
High Game: V. Balme, 201, S. Rioux, 197, S. Noeske, 194. High Series: V. Balme, 557, S. Rioux, 539, N. Root, 479.		High Game: S. France, 213, T. Papendick, 197, S. Ritter, 189. High Series: S. France, 540, T. Papendick, 536, J. Dressky, 496.	
American Men's League		Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
Fenton's Auto	7-0	Cedar Motel	7-1
BCI	5-2	Moshier Auto Repair	5-3
Rod's Auto Body	5-2	No Fear	5-3
McLeans	4-3	A.H. Rental & Repair	4-4
Auto Parts	3-4	A. Bulldog Towing	4-4
Switches By Sue	2-5	Advance Collision	3-5
Upper Lakes	2-5	Aunt Betty's	2-6
Red Barn	0-7	AJD	2-6
High Game: L. Davis, 233, J. Helsel, 215, 214. High Series: J. Helsel, 590, G. Fenton, 582, L. Davis, 558.		Men's High Game: J. Golnick, 212, L. Rioux, 205, R. Lozon, 202. Men's High Series: R. Lozon, 551, L. Rioux, 520, B. Trudeau, J. Golnick, 498.	
Thursday Coffee League		National League	
Johnson's Survey	4	Carquest	3
Glen's Market	4	Frederic Inn	3
Lone Pine	3-5	House of Cabinets	3
Buccioli's	3	Moore's Auto	2
Shady Acres	1	Breakers Steak House	2
Plaza Bar	1/2	Budweiser	1
Wakeley Auto Parts	0	Guns & Grub	1
AuSable Construction	0	City Environmental	1
High Game: L. Dannenberg, 197, S. Dykstra, 187, A. Payne, 182. High Series: A. Payne, 507, L. Dannenberg, 506, T. Papendick, 500.		High Game: D. Canfield, 212, 205, L. Helsel, 208, P. Miller, 198. High Series: D. Canfield, 593, G. Wolfe, 558, L. Helsel, 543.	

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Boyce

The annual Campbell Christmas dinner and party was held at the Fellowship Hall of the Free Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 17. Vivian and Ruth Campbell, their five children and spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, numbering 72 in all, met for a potluck dinner, and afternoon of visiting and an exchange of gifts, for which they had drawn names. This is a family tradition started in 1946, when the group was small enough to meet in their homes, and which now has outgrown that. Guests were from Grayling, Alpena, Alanson, Traverse City, Kalkaska and Florida. Larry Wilson was a guest of the Ed and Sally Hartig family.

Bob and Fay Boyce were pleasantly surprised when Pete and Gloria Stephan arranged a small dinner party at the home of Beverly and Bill Halliday for their 50th wedding anniversary. On the pretext of taking them out for dinner, they made an unscheduled stop at the Halliday's AuSable River home.

We want everyone to know that we enjoyed all of the cards that we have received, the telephone calls and the flowers. And the party!

John and Barbara Sojka spent the holidays with their family, the Paul

Sojkas in West Lafayette, Indiana. Their daughter and family, Tanya and Randy Stevens of Indianapolis, joined the family.

Mary Jane Knibbs enjoyed having her family for the holidays, Nancy and Michael Elliott and son, Michael, of Ann Arbor, Holly Knibbs of Traverse City, and Jim and Cindy, Andrea and Natalie of Petoskey.

Nancy and Mike Elliott and A. J. Stancil spent Dec. 28, skiing at Nub's Knob in Harbor Springs.

Richard and Billie Smith, Peter and Paul of Saugerties, New York, spent five days with her parents, Bob and Fay Boyce, over Christmas. On Friday evening, they were treated to a special dinner by their family for their anniversary.

Larry and Carole Gust had some of their family home for the holidays. Mark and Jennifer Gust and son Nicholas of Rochester Hills, were here, as was Lori Gust of Southfield. Their other son Paul and wife Michelle of Holland, Michigan, spent the holidays in the Netherlands, with Michelle's parents. The weekend of Dec. 16, all of the Gust family gathered at the Paul Gusts for their family Christmas.

George Granger spent Christmas with his son and wife, Jim and Marilyn Granger, in Cheboygan.



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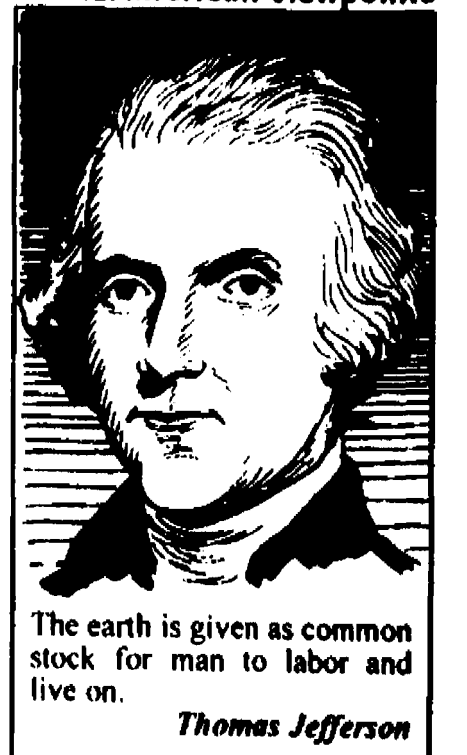
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SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

A monthly service to our Senior Citizens

Arthritis update: use arthritis rubs with care

The Arthritis Foundation urges people to use caution when applying topical creams, rubs or sprays for arthritis, and to contact their doctor if pain lasts for more than two weeks. An estimated 57 percent of those with arthritis use these over-the-counter remedies for temporary relief of arthritis pain.

Topical pain relievers work in several ways, depending on ingredients.

Some contain salicylates, the substance found in aspirin, which may penetrate through the skin to the joint and reduce pain.

Others contain ingredients such as menthol or camphor that irritate the skin and distract attention from the actual pain. A third type contains capsaicin, a substance found in hot peppers, that reduces the amount of pain signal to

the brain.

The Arthritis Foundation also advises:

- Read and follow package directions;
- Wash your hands after every application;
- Avoid combining topical pain relievers with a heating pad because of the risk of skin burns;
- Keep these products away from eyes, mucous membranes, cuts or irritated skin;
- If you are allergic to

aspirin, or are taking anticoagulant medication, talk with your doctor before using any topical pain reliever that contains salicylates;

• Use topical pain relievers only as one part of a comprehensive treatment program.

For a free "Basic Facts" brochure, contact your local Arthritis Foundation chapter, or call the Arthritis Foundation Information Line, 1-800-283-7800.

Sunday potluck

The monthly potluck at the COA will be held on Jan. 21, at 4 p.m., at the center. Bring a dish to pass and your tableware. Plan on having a grand old time chatting with friends and maybe a card game or two!

Sweatshirt contest

Come and show off your goodie sweatshirts and compete in various categories. Men, too! After all, guys wear sweatshirts, as well as the gals, and we will have a grand old time admiring one another's shirts, plus winning some

prizes.

Since we will be in our playing togs, there will be games to play and things to do. This all happens on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 12:30 p.m. right after lunch, so mark your calendars now for this big event.

BPs and blood sugars taken

The nurse at the COA will be on hand to take blood pressures and also offer blood sugar screenings for a suggested donation of \$2. Remember, this is suggested;

there is no cost for the BPs and both are done on a walk-in basis. Remember, this happens on the second and fourth Thursdays, Jan. 11 and 25, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Frederic Satellite

The Frederic Satellite is postponed due to site problems and will resume as soon as they are resolved. Watch for news in the Senior Gazette or in the Avalanche.

Respite care available for the elderly

Crawford County Commission on Aging shopping, social engagements, or just to have time for themselves.

The Commission on Aging will provide respite service to all eligible persons within Crawford County regardless of income level.

If you provide care or know of someone who may benefit from this type of service, contact the Commission on Aging at 348-7123, or stop by their office at 308 Lawndale, Grayling.

Lost Social Security checks

More than 1.4 million government checks are lost in the mail, or stolen, each year, and more than half are Social Security checks. Self-defense: If a check due doesn't arrive when expected, wait three

business days, then call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213. Usually, you can expect a replacement check within 30 days, or in emergency circumstances, in as little as seven days.

Lets dance

The first dance is on Jan. 9, and in keeping with the winter policy, it will be held at 12:30 p.m. on that date.

The second dance is our annual "PJ" slumber party and will be on Jan. 23, at 12:30 p.m. Those wishing to "dress" for the party can wear their long johns, sweatsuits, or whatever night wear they so choose. Fun time, whatever.

Birthday dinner

This month on Jan. 10, at 12:30 p.m. (note winter month's change) we will celebrate all the January birthdays with cake and ice cream, and a surprise for each of the honorees! Consider yourself invited and help them celebrate! (P.S., the "little cakes" are through the courtesy of Glen's Market. Thank them the next time you're in!)

Sunday brunch

Sunday Brunch at the center on Jan. 7. The COA will be serving continuously from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., so stop and have breakfast, brunch or lunch and have a marvelous time chatting over coffee! Omelet-style eggs, hash browns, cottage cheese, fruit bar and dessert will be served. Donation for seniors is \$1.50, and a \$3 charge for juniors.

Safe Snow Shoveling

- Use a shovel designed for snow, not soil. A snow shovel is usually lighter and has a broader, flatter, more efficient scoop.
- Wear layers you can peel off, so you stay warm, but don't get overheated.



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JANUARY

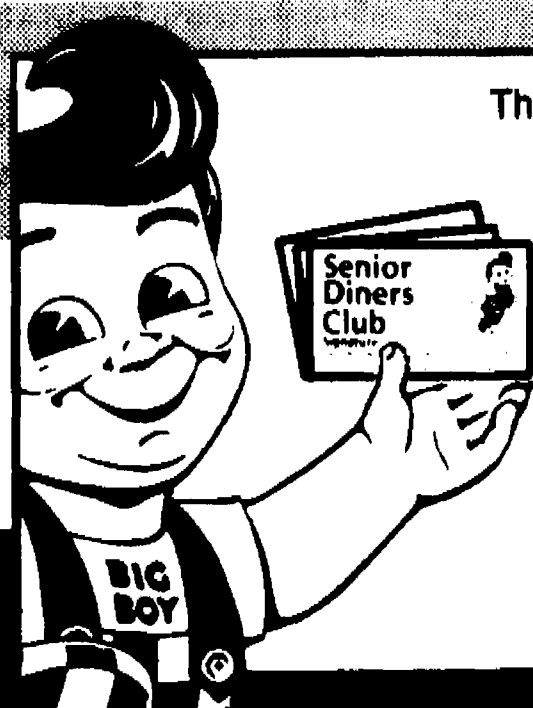
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. HAPPY NEW YEAR! CENTER CLOSED	2. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:30 To 4 pm Cards	3. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:30 - "BK" Bingo	4. 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class	5. Lunch, However No Dinner. 3:00 - Sittercize 7. SUNDAY BRUNCH 9 AM TO 1 PM OMELET-STYLE EGGS
8. "FOOT CLINIC" 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	9. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:30 - Dance With Tina	10. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:30 - Birthday Luncheon 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize	11. BP's - 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class	12. Lunch, However No Dinner. 3:00 - Sittercize
15. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	16. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance Cards 1:30 To 4 pm	17. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	18. 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class 5:30 - "R & R"	19. 11:30 - Lovells Satellite Lunch, However No Dinner 1:30 - Legal Help 3:00 - Sittercize 21. SUNDAY POTLUCK
22. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	23. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:30 - Dance With Tina "PJ" Slumber Party	24. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize 5:30 - Power Dominoes	25. BP's 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class	26. Lunch, However No Dinner 3:00 - Sittercize
29. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	30. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:30 - Sweatshirt Contest And Games	31. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize 5:30 - "Hangman"	Happy New Year!	

This monthly page is brought to you as a service to our Senior Citizens by this local sponsor:

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Planning Commission.

All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and submit a letter expressing their interest to the Board of Commissioners, c/o Sandra Moore, County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4:30 pm on January 12, 1996.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 15, 1996, at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way (M-72W), to hear the following case:

Case #96-1: Total Petroleum, Inc., petitioner
T26N, R3W, Sec. 32. 4 Mile Road Industrial Zone.
A request to (1): Construct structures 48' in height, a variance of 13', and (2): Allow above ground hydrocarbon storage tanks.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: 517/348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE 1996

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 11	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 8	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 14	7 pm	ROOC, Inc., Pioneer Hills 11051 N. Cut Road, Roscommon
April 11	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 9	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 13	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 11	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 8	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 12	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
October 10	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 14	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 12	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public.

SECTION 00010 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford AuSable Schools will receive sealed Proposals from qualified bidders for Project 2 - Phase III, Early Childhood School.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, January 9, 1996, at 3:30 pm local time, at the Grayling Elementary School Library, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Frank Figgels c/o Crawford AuSable Schools, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Proposals must be received "prior" to 3:30 pm Thursday, January 18, 1996. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Grayling Elementary School library, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan beginning at approximately 3:45 pm. All Bids will be evaluated after the bid opening.

The Project will utilize separate prime contracts. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the Project will be the responsibility of the construction Management firm, E&V, Incorporated.

The Owner will award contracts on or about January 29, 1996, to separate Contractors for separate Bid Divisions or combinations of Bid Divisions. Any Bidder, at his option, may submit a combined Proposal for any combination of Bid Divisions by offering a Combined Bid Deduct. A separate Bid must be submitted for each Bid Division included in any such combined Proposal.

All Project procedures and documents are designed to facilitate delivery of the Project through multiple prime construction contracts. The Owner's forms, rather than industry master forms, are used for all documents. Bidders shall read and review the Bidding Documents carefully, and shall familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

Requests by Contractors for inclusion as bidders shall be addressed to the Construction Manager, 1960 West Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629, Attn: Michelle Hancock. A check in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to Crawford AuSable Schools must be submitted to G.B.K.B. Associates, 109 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49684, by prime bidders as a deposit for each set of plans and specifications, same to be refunded to bidders submitting proposals and returning plans and specifications to E&V, Incorporated, 306 Plum Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 10 days of the bid opening in good condition.

Requests for additional sets of Bidding Documents shall be addressed to the Construction Manager, E&V, Incorporated, 1960 West Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629, (517) 366-9099 Attn: Michelle Hancock. A charge may be assessed for such additional sets.

Proposals shall be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished separately by the Construction Manager, and shall be completely filled in and executed in accord with the Bidding Documents.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent 5% of Base Bid(s) shall accompany each proposal.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds, as stated in the Specifications.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to accept other than a low Bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in Proposals, which they feel is their best interest.



RECORD BREAKING BULL -- Scott Smith of Adrian, killed this bull elk on Dec. 12, between Atlanta and Gaylord during the December elk hunt. Based on the size and score of the rack, this was the best bull elk taken in 1995. The bull is the 10th best bull elk ever taken in Michigan. Smith owns a second home on the banks of the AuSable River in Grayling.

Tip-Up-Town, U.S.A. set for Jan. 20-21 and 27-28

The freezing temperatures have finally arrived, allowing Houghton Lake to change over to its winter season of ice fishing, skiing and snowmobiling.

Already, there are numerous little fishing shanties dotting the vast ice-scape of this 22,000-acre winter "fish factory." Houghton Lake welcomes everyone to come and join in the fun of hauling your jig poles, up-ups and assorted paraphernalia onto the ice.

Good catches of walleye and panfish are being reported.

With the arrival of the ice, attention turns towards the upcoming 46th anniversary celebration of Michigan's largest winter festival, Tip-Up-Town, U.S.A. Jan 20-21 and 27-28.

This year's festival begins with a Grand Parade, Saturday morning, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. Float theme is "Tropical Beach Party," which should offer an unlimited assortment of float designs.

The parade route forms in The Heights, a couple miles west of Houghton Lake, and travels east down M-55 to the Tip-Up-Town, U.S.A. site on the ice. The parade can last approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Participation in all the fun activities at the site is free, however, it is encouraged that you buy a special Tip-Up-Town, U.S.A. badge to avoid the chance of being placed in the Jail-On-Ice.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 95-3558-CE
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
A Municipal Corporation
plaintiff,
v.

NORMAN J. BANCROFT and SHEILA J. BANCROFT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 593
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-5284

ORDER TO ANSWER

ORDER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of

Michigan, on this 20th day of December, 1995, PRESENT, HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, Circuit Judge.

On the 19th day of May, 1995, an action was filed by Grayling Township, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff herein, against Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, in this Court for Injunctive Relief requiring Defendant to eliminate any violation of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance or in the alternative, that Plaintiff be allowed to remove any violation of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance and tax the reasonable cost of same as a lien upon the subject property. The Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, is in possession and control of real property and Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT legally owns real property more fully described as follows:

Premises situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

LOTS 18 through 22, inclusive,
BLOCK 11, PORTAGE HEIGHTS,
according to the plat thereof as recorded in
Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County
Records.
SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS,
RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF
RECORD.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, shall answer or appear and take such other action as may be permitted by law on the 16th day of February, 1996 at the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 11 am.

Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, is hereby notified that she may, at any time prior to the Court date, contest this case by appearing herself or by an attorney of their choice in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, and filing a written answer to the complaint herein made, or they and their attorney may on the Court date, present their defense at which time the matter will be heard by the judge in the above Courtroom. Failure to appear on the Court date designated above will result in a Default Judgement being taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Defendants may demand a trial by jury in which case the jury fee must be paid.

Dated: December 20, 1995

ALTON T. DAVIS,
Circuit Judge

Dated: December 20, 1995

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
4-11-18

NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1996 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 11, 1996	July 11, 1996
February 8, 1996	August 8, 1996
March 14, 1996	September 12, 1996
April 11, 1996	October 10, 1996
May 9, 1996	November 14, 1996
June 13, 1996	December 12, 1996

The meetings are held at the Grayling State Bank, Grayling MI, in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office at the County Building, 348-2841, EXT 253, to be placed on the agenda.

NOTICE THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY 1996 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 11	July 11
25	25
February 8	August 8
23	23
March 7	September 5
22	19
April 4	October 3
18	17
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May 2	November 14
16	27
30	
June 13	December 12
28	26

Celebrate at Gaylord's Winterfest

Don't hibernate this winter—get out and celebrate at Gaylord's Winterfest, Feb. 2-11. The Alpine Village is a paradise for winter sports, and the Gaylord Winterfest offers something for everyone.

New for 1996, is an adult fishing derby to be held on Otsego Lake. If an angler catches a specifically-numbered fish they win \$5,000. Complete rules and regulations will be available Jan. 15 at Alpine Hardware, Don's Sport and Marine, Gaylord Ford, Kmart and Walmart. Country music performers Betsy (Garth Brooks; sister) and Hawke Montana, Nashville's newest artist, will be in concert on Feb. 9, at the Alan L. Gornick Auditorium. Tickets are available at Glen's Markets and the Gaylord Information Center.

Snowmobilers can enjoy a series of fantastic safaris including a 100-mile "Crunch and Munch" and a trail rally complete with a bonfire and hot dog roast. If you prefer a faster pace, head for Lakes of the North on Feb. 10, and enter your sled in the Winterfest Radar Run.

Children will delight in the youth fishing derby, sponsored by the Northland Sportsman's Club, as well as tubing at Treetops, where they will find the only tubing run in the state with a lift to ride back to the top. For 1996, more kid's games have been added, ranging from an ice-cube hunt to an "ice cube" eating contest.

Memories of summer will come alive as you compete in the Jack Frost Open. The 6-hole golf course will be located at the Otsego County Park. Other warm-weather activities that become snow events are the outdoor softball and volleyball tournaments.

Skiing enthusiasts will find an abundance of activity during Winterfest. Grant slalom racing is on the agenda at Michaywe's slopes and a Special Olympics ski-a-thon at Hidden Valley Resort. Two cross-country ski tours will be offered during the festival at Hidden Valley.

You can warm up during Vegas night, Feb. 3, at the Eagles Hall, or at indoor sidewalk sales, where you'll find plenty of bargains Feb. 2-3. While shopping, stop by the courthouse lawn and see the sparkling ice sculptures, or feast at the chili cook-off.

Most of the events are free if you are wearing a Winterfest pin. Entry into a raffle with a Polaris Indy Lite snowmobile as the grand prize, is included with the purchase of a \$2 pin. Proceeds from Winterfest benefit Special Olympics.

Get ready for some wintry fun and head for Gaylord, Feb. 2-11. For more information call 1-800-345-8621.

SNOWMOBILE CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will be a good sportsman. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote sportsmanlike conduct.

2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.

3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.

4. I will respect other people's property and rights.

5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.

6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.

7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snowshoers, ice fishermen or other winter sportsmen. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.

8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.

9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.



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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: January 7 - 13, 1996

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Pay attention to dress and behavior. What you see is what you get. Don't be taken in by excess frills.
- TAURUS** April 20 - May 20 When problem solving on paper, make sure your communications are understood. Leave nothing to chance.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20 Flattery will get you nowhere with certain people. Keep your distance until called upon to move closer.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22 Compromise is the key to the perfect partnership. Financial matters come to a head.
- LEO** July 23 - Aug 22 There are those who are not willing to make a commitment. Avoid them in future business ventures.
- VIRGO** Aug 23 - Sept 22 The new year will bring added finances. Look for alternative investment strategies. Weigh options carefully.
- LIBRA** Sept 23 - Oct 22 A friend opens up to you. A good heart-to-heart conversation will benefit both of you.
- SCORPIO** Oct 23 - Nov 21 Child-like tendencies will be demonstrated by co-workers. Bring them up to speed with gentle authority.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22 - Dec 21 Romantic dinner could spark a new relationship. Don't be in a hurry. Let nature take its course.
- CAPRICORN** Dec 22 - Jan 19 A new project will require more than patience on your part. Show creativity in your endeavors.
- AQUARIUS** Jan 20 - Feb 18 Use the wisdom of experts to accomplish a difficult task. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- PISCES** Feb 19 - March 20 Spend time with one who is lonely. A new year can bring hope to many, but despair to others.



SCOTTY NEEDS A HOME--Scotty is a male dog, and is very good with kids. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Cats and kittens often nap on warm car engines. Knock on the hood or honk the horn, then wait a few minutes before starting the car.

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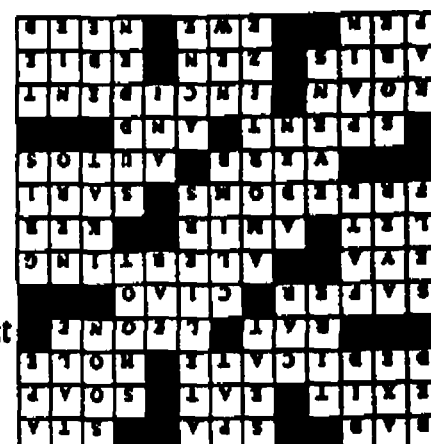
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1. Evil
4. Health resort
7. Musical direction
10. Way out
12. Dine
13. Type of opera
14. Devote
16. Cavity
17. Rodent
18. Sierra
20. More secure
23. Italian greeting
24. Peron
25. Warning
29. Permit
30. Afghan prince
31. Malignant spirit
32. Liberty, pl.
34. Indian garb
35. Action word
36. Cars
37. Exhausted
39. Conjunction
40. Horse color
41. Happening
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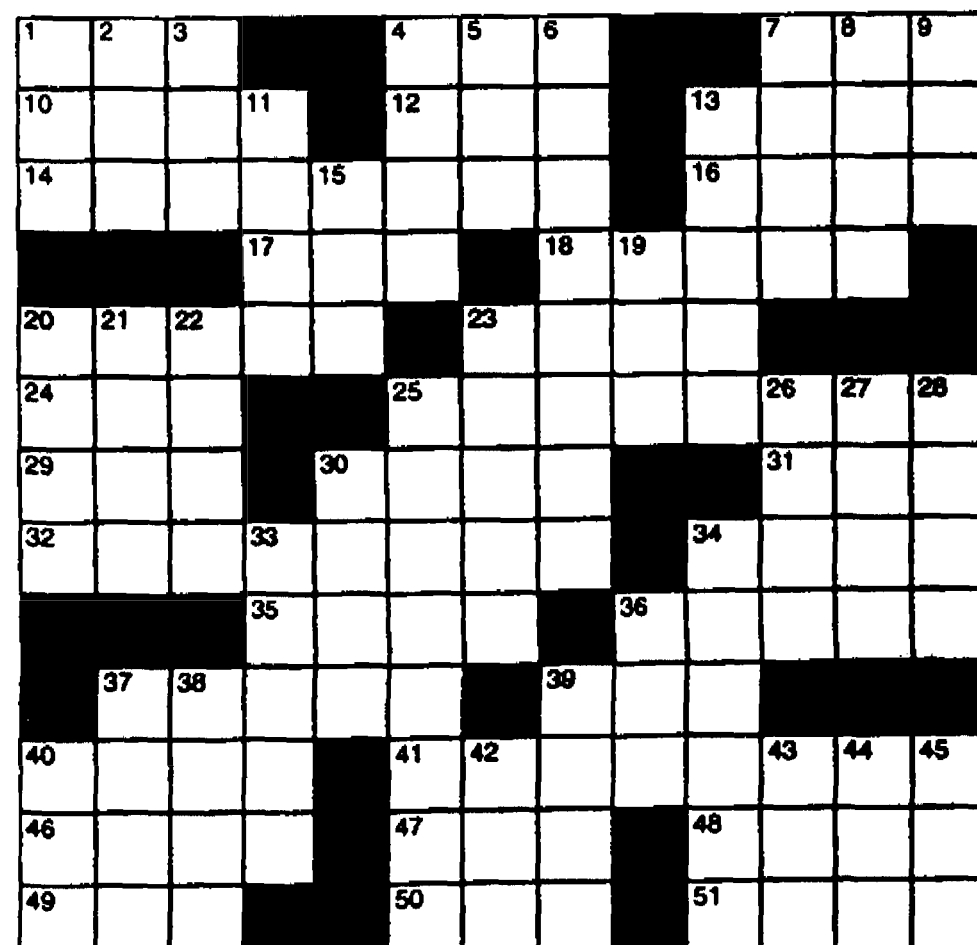
DOWN

1. Foundation
2. Chop
3. Completed
4. Chair
5. Pet
6. Studios
7. Before long
8. Story
9. Mimic
11. Grow weary
13. Fire a gun
15. Automobile
19. Auricle
20. Individual
21. State
22. Destiny
23. Scale

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



25. Pay off gradually
26. Sumatran silk
27. Roman Emperor
28. Gray, Fr.
30. Gland, comb. form
33. Levels
34. Quick
36. Blackbird
37. Painful spot
38. Ache
39. Teenage problem
40. Bum
42. Recent
43. Dutch commune
44. Never, Ger.
45. Knight



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Jan. 4, 1973

A significant breakthrough in the manufacture of quality archery equipment has been made by Bear Archery, with the development of a low-cost magnesium take-down bow with tapered fiberglass limbs. Named the Bear '76er in honor of the forthcoming bicentennial of the United States, this new bow is available in the 58" Custom and the 64" Deluxe styles.

The first of the popular snowmobile family snofaris will take place on Saturday, Jan. 6. The snofaris leave from the parking facility of the Crawford County Building in downtown Grayling, at 10 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

The snofari will run the Lewiston Grade Trail, a total distance of approximately 50 miles. A cookout is given at the halfway point on the trail.

Terry H. Bloomquist, attorney at law, formerly with the Workmen's Compensation Department of Chrysler Corporation, has joined the law firm of Benson and Sablin.

Dan Canfield rolled a 731 series last Tuesday night, for the highest sanctioned set ever bowled in Grayling. On lanes 1 and 2, he fired 254-278-199.

Still hot, he shot another 278 game the following night in a Gaylord league, tying the highest game ever bowled there.

Marine Pvt. Russell C. Papendick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick of 710 Elm St., Grayling, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He is a 1972 graduate of Grayling High School.

All over Michigan, new symbol signs are gradually replacing traditional word signs under a nationwide highway safety signing program.

Steve Nielson, son of the Melvin Nielsons, spent the holidays with his family here. He is stationed at K. I. Sawyer AFB.

John Wilcox III spent the past month at home with his family. He left Tuesday, Dec. 26, for California, enroute to Thailand.

Clark Wilcox and Jim Corlew left last Wednesday for San Diego, California, to begin their basic training in the Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Perry and two daughters, Kelley and Angela of Lowell, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William LaRush and Mrs. Arnold Hubbell, over Christmas weekend.

Applications are now being accepted for Miss Grayling 1973. The pageant

will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27, with Miss Grayling, her 1st runner-up, and court being presented at the Annual Winter Sports Dinner-Dance on Feb. 1.

46 years ago Jan. 5, 1950

The Michigan Public Service Commission in a commission order dated Dec. 21, 1949, approved the joint petition of Tri-County Telephone Company and Union Telephone Company to merge. The surviving corporation is the Union Telephone Co.

Barnie Engle, who has a 21-year record with the Paris Fish Hatchery at Paris, began his duties as the superintendent of the Grayling Fish Hatchery on Jan. 1. He takes over for Joseph Southwick, who has moved to Harrietta Fish Hatchery as superintendent, to replace Ed Basford who resigned.

The Hinkle Bar in Frederic, closed Saturday night until spring.

The Elmer Kasmussen home was an especially happy one Christmas, due to the unexpected arrival of their son, Cpl. Ralph Rasmussen, who arrived home Dec. 21, after spending 3 1/2 years in Germany. He has received his discharge from the service. Earl Rasmussen, also home for the holidays, has returned to his studies at Mt. Pleasant.

Christmas guests at the Eugene Papendick home were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wells and four children, and father, Cliff Newell of Fife Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Casper (Margaret Budd) of Battle Creek, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Budd over Christmas.

Postmaster James McDonnell celebrated the Christmas holidays with 22 members of his family gathered together. Among those from out of town were his daughter Loretta Dingman and family of Detroit, and Elaine Holmgren and family of Saginaw, and son Lawrence of Detroit, and family.

Last Friday evening, about 35 people armed with noise makers, awakened the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babbitt, and escorted them to the town hall for a party.

At present, ice fishing is the pastime of F. Herb Wilcox of Maple Forest. He speared an 11 pound pike, 35 inches long at River Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Legg of Marquette, spent Christmas week and New Year's weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berry. Sunday evening the Berrys entertained members of the

family to celebrate the first birthday of little Warren Hatfield, son of the Hazen Hatfields.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder of Clawson, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Laura McLeod.

Howard DeLaMater has returned to his studies at the U of M after spending Christmas and New Year's here with his parents, the Ben DeLaMaters.

69 years ago Jan. 6, 1927

William Anderson, who visited over Christmas with Messrs. Chris Olson and John Brunn, returned to Bay City last week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler Sunday, Jan. 2, the first baby born in the new year in Grayling.

Dorothy and Basil Johnson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, had their tonsils removed at Mercy Hospital Tuesday.

George Kniss and Ray Lewis stopped in Grayling Tuesday, enroute to Flint, after spending the holidays in Sigma. While here, they visited George Annis.

William Mosher is home from West Branch, where he is doing some concrete work.

Mrs. Marius Hanson and daughter, Miss Hanson, gave a very attractive informal tea Wednesday afternoon, to honor Mrs. Herbert Wolff and Mrs. Halford Kittleman.

Miss Eleanore Schumann has as guests over New Year's, Miss Beatrice Cottle of Rudyard, and Lowell Hudson of Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin and son, Edward, spent New Year's with relatives in St. Ignace.

Mr. and Mrs. Torkid Boeson entertained the Danish young people and a number of older people at their home Tuesday evening, in a Christmas party.

George Schaible motored to Ann Arbor last week, and returned yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Schaible and their baby son, and Mrs. Menno Corwin.

Mrs. Jesse Sales returned to her home in Detroit, Friday, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

Charles Gierke assumed his duties as county clerk Tuesday.

94 years ago Jan. 9, 1902

Sheriff Owen has appointed Thomas Crotteau undersheriff in place of

Thomas Carney, who has removed from the county.

Marriage is not a failure in Crawford County. During the past year, there has been 28 weddings and only two decrees for divorce.

Born New Year's morning to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schreiber, Jr. of South Branch, an 8 pound daughter. Hugo is happy and grandpa Funck weighs nearly a ton.

H. C. Ward has purchased 35,000 apple trees from a nursery in Kalamazoo, for an addition to his mammoth orchard in Maple Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Haley of Lovells, gave a farewell reception at their home Thursday, in honor of the departure of their friend, Mrs. Thomas Judge, who is about to leave for Idaho.

LOCAL WEATHER



Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable Elementary Schools

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for partly-cloudy skies, with the highs of 15 to 20. Thursday will be mostly cloudy and cold, with the highs of 10 to 15, and the lows 5 below to around zero. Friday and Saturday both call for partly-cloudy skies. The high on Friday will be 10 to 15, with the lows of 5 above. Saturday's highs will be around 20, with the low 20s, with the lows of 5 to 10.
12/27	19	10		27"	
12/28	22	-11		27"	
12/29	25	6		26"	
12/30	29	16		26"	
12/31	31	19	0.01	26"	
1/1	29	25		26"	
1/2	24	20	0.07	26"	

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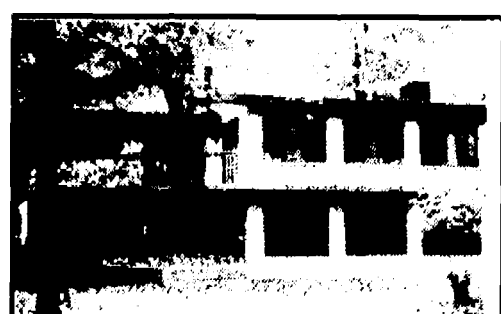


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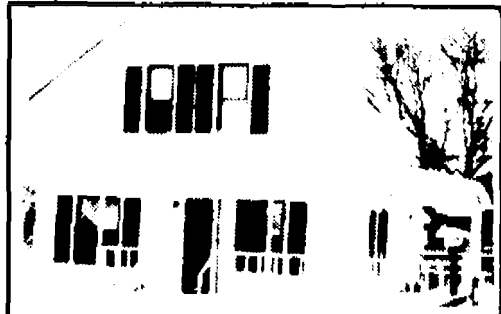
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IDEAL IN-CITY LOCATION - Two blocks to hospital, schools, and shopping. Lovely remodeled 2-story, formal dining room, open staircase, brick fireplace, three bedrooms, full basement, breakfast nook, covered front porch, detached garage with electric opener. \$54,900. CH-138



CHARMING OLDER HOUSE - Three bedrooms, one bath, formal dining room, enclosed porch, covered porch, 8 x 10 shed and a nice 60 x 120 lot. Enjoy the city living, call us for an appointment to see this charming older home. \$43,500. CS-318



COUNTRY SETTING on 2.5 wooded acres! Three bedrooms, two baths, open floor plan with cathedral ceilings in great room, backs up to Huron National Forest, new pole barn, heated, insulated and wired, covered porch. \$57,900. CH-158



MOBILE HOME ON 10 ACRES - Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, LP gas, mobile to be sold in "as is condition." Would make an excellent recreational property for hunting or snowmobiling. \$15,000. CS-308



TAKE A CLOSER LOOK... 203 Ottawa Street. 1,578 sq. ft., four bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new roof, new paint, vinyl replacement windows, hot water baseboard heat, formal dining room, open wood staircase, full basement, attached garage with work area. Excellent value at \$39,000. CH-168



INTERESTED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION? This beautiful new home in Manistee River Woods offers 1,300 sq. ft., with an open floor plan, three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and kitchen. Hot water baseboard heat, vinyl windows, vinyl siding, 2-car finished garage and a 16x8 covered porch. \$78,000. CS-305



LAKE MARGRETHE - 50' sandy beach frontage, full log, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, enclosed porch patio, hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace, complete with dock, furniture, appliances, rustic knotty pine interior. A rare opportunity at \$119,500. CH-251



SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME? See this... 986 sq. ft. home in the CITY. Three bedrooms, one bath, natural gas heat. The electrical was updated in 1980, aluminum siding, fenced yard, large basement which is 10-block high with a utility room. \$39,500. CS-306



AFFORDABLE RIVERFRONT COTTAGE! Three bedrooms, partially furnished, neat and clean inside and out, knotty pine accent, updated kitchen, Masonite siding. Immediate occupancy \$37,000. CH-146

FULL LOG CABIN Romantic, secluded, Lovells Road near state forest, AuSable River. \$32,000. Hal, broker, 348-5965. 11/30/95tf/1

AUSABLE RIVERFRONT 200 ft., 400 ft., 1,000 ft. Hal, broker, 348-5965. 11/30/95tf/1

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#3766 Great little cabin on a nice 7 1/2 acre parcel covered with hardwoods and close to the AuSable and Big Creek. \$32,700. Call me for details at Office 348-5474 or at home 348-6573.

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AUSABLE RIVERFRONT Very nice, 1,800 sq. ft. home with knotty pine family room overlooking the river, two bathrooms, two woodstoves with brick hearths, large garage with workshop, on three lots, two miles from Grayling. Call Joe Arbaugh at Century 21 Emery/Nielsen, (517) 826-3265 or (517) 848-5111. 3/23/95tf/1

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1995 16X80 MOBILE HOME Three bedrooms, two baths, only used one year. Garden tub, fireplace, beautiful shape. \$25,000. 348-3253. LR1/18/96/1

AUSABLE RIVER 1-75 COMMERCIAL 120 ft. building site, overlooking river. Hal, broker, 348-5965. 11/30/95tf/1

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TWO BEDROOM, one bath, four rooms, plus porch house, near Lake Margrethe. \$375 plus utilities, one month security. 348-2113. 11/30/95tf/2

SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT for single, working person. Furnished. Includes utilities, \$240 per month. \$120 deposit. Call 348-5433. Evenings, 348-8336. 12/7/95tf/2

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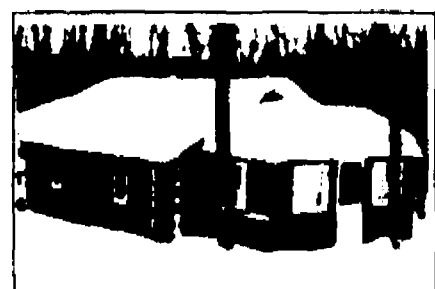
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LAKE MARGRETHE is only a block and a half away from this quaint log cabin, two bedrooms, bath, enclosed porch, new well, beautiful hillside setting. \$29,900. (N-567)



COUNTRYSIDE HOME for a large family, five bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, master room, large garage, all on 1.8 acres, new roof in 1994. \$52,900. (LM-860)



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM - 3-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower-level great room, 20'x34' w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/half bath, great view of river. \$125,000. (MC-479)



408 PARK STREET - This remodeled 3-bedroom stately home sits on the city's only hilltop, family room, new garage, and forced-air heat only six years ago, water softener, 90'x240' site. \$68,000. (NN-609)



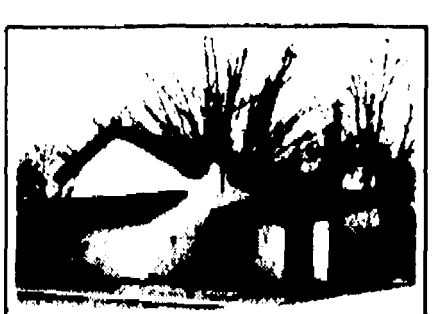
1,732 SQUARE FEET - Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living-dining room, 16x24 master bedroom, fireplace, vinyl siding, storage building. 30x60 pole barn on 10 acres. \$55,000. (MC-491)



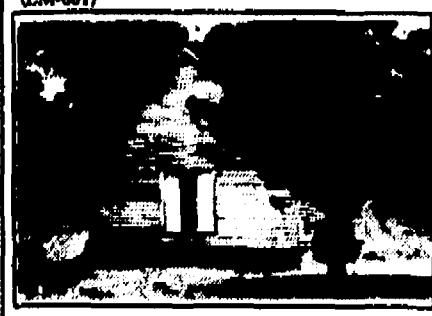
NORTH BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER - Three bedroom home, 1 1/2 baths, full-finished walk-out basement, 24x30 generator, blacktop drive, satellite dish, back up garage. Lots of extras, large wooded lot with 725' of river frontage. Nice view. Reduced to \$74,998. (LM-851)



AUSABLE RIVER NORTH BRANCH - Over 220' of frontage, 6.6 acres, great wading area, flies only, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, lots of cupboards, deck and garage. Price reduced to \$89,998. (LM-839)



AUSABLE RIVER HOME - 2,288 sq. ft., oak cabinets and trim throughout, hi-tech heating system, four bedrooms, two baths, vinyl siding. Reduced to \$79,500. (MC-457)



AUSABLE RIVER - Flies only - Adjoining state land, 176' of frontage, 2.6 acres. 928 sq. ft. chalet, gas and wood heat. Ideal location for hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. \$77,900. (LJ-24)



544 FT. EAST BRANCH FRONTAGE - 1,734 sq. ft. home - like new. Three bedrooms, two baths, attached garage, large deck and shed. Includes appliances. Lots of extra features. (LM-869)



AUSABLE - 180' frontage South Branch, 4-bedroom home, two baths, garage with workshop & living quarters, 2nd garage with office. What a view, so many extras, you need to see this in person. \$175,000. (LM-874)

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LR3/28/96/2

ONE AND TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX apartments, remodeled, gas heat, clean, quiet neighbor, 310B Rolla, \$290. 808 B Park, \$285. 8110 Insley, \$350. Plus utilities, deposit, references. 348-2178.
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-28-4/2

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-28-4/2

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-28-4/2

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-28-4/2

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-4/2

THREE BEDROOM RANCH on large lot, just blocks from town, \$450 month, plus security deposit. Call 348-4962.
-4/2

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-4/2

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1. Real Estate

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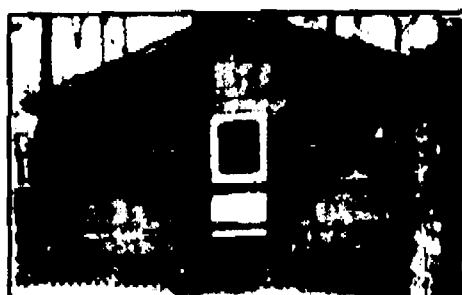
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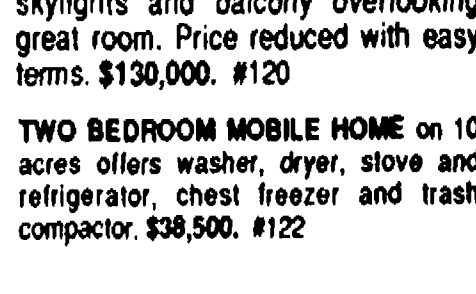
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11. Automotive

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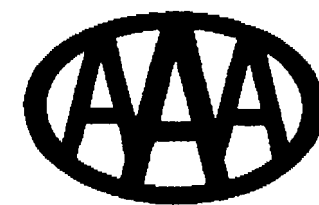
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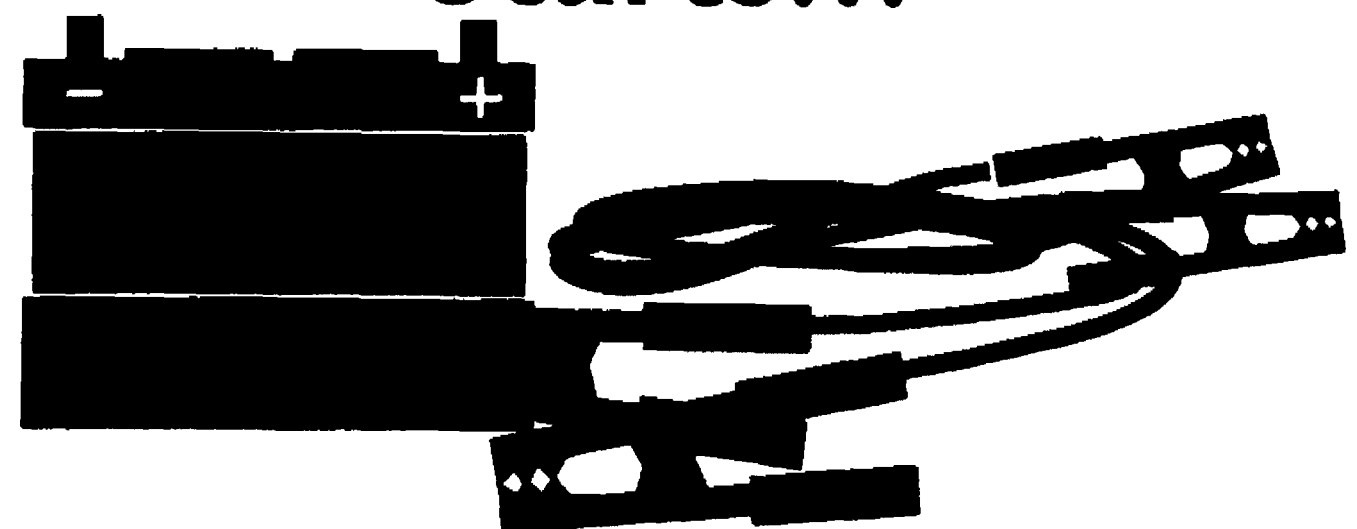
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- Do not lean over the battery while jump-starting.
- If unsure of the correct procedure, contact your auto club or a qualified service facility for assistance.

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Giving the needy a bonus



GIVING THE NEEDY A BONUS -- Local employees from Consumers Power donated their Christmas bonus to local food pantries. John Hadder, electric field manager, suggested the project. Fifty employees donated their \$20 safety bonuses to the food pantries. The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center(CCCCHC) received \$400 worth of food. Donations were also made to the Missaukee County Cooperative Ministries and the Roscommon County Project HOPE. Jim Leedy, a customer energy specialist, organized the project. Gerry Schroeder of CCCCHC, far left, is shown accepting the food from employees of Consumers Power in Prudenville.

Exchange student goes home after year-long stay in Grayling

Grayling has had the good fortune to be host to Argentine exchange student Florian Hudert for the past year.

German-born Hudert will be returning to Germany on Wednesday, Jan. 10. He has lived in Argentina for five years. When he first came to Grayling, Hudert thought he would be returning to Argentina. It was just four short months ago that he discovered he would return to Germany.

Hudert's host family during his stay here is Michael Scheerer. He was able to come to the United States as part of the Pacific Intercultural Exchange program. Hudert asked to be sent to the northern part of the United States because he liked the cold weather.

When Hudert returns to Germany, he says he will miss the quietness of the place and his friends the most. In Germany he will live in a big city. In Argentina, his family lived in Buenos Aires.

He won't miss the food.

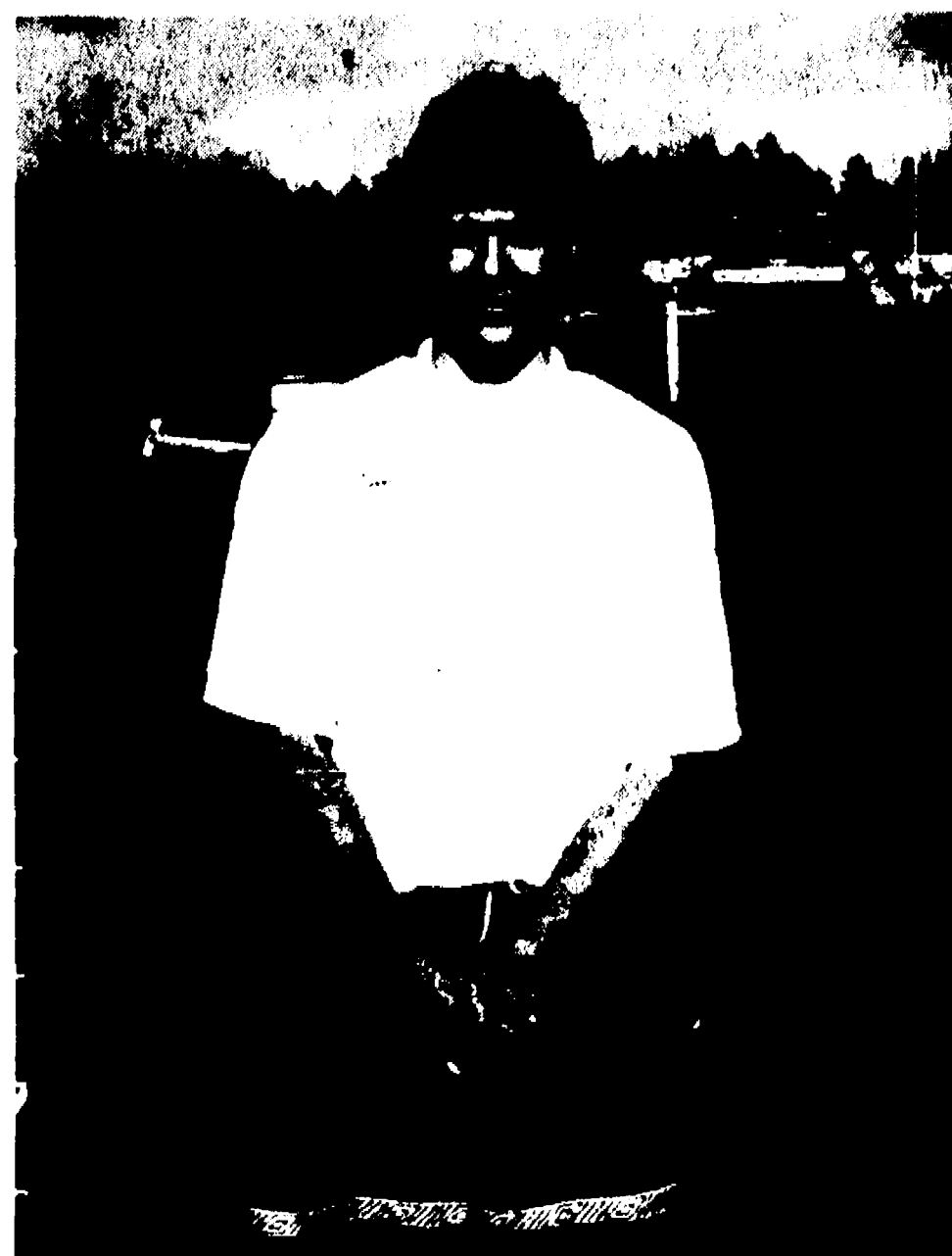
"In Argentina and Germany, we take much more time to eat," said Hudert. "I can't get used to the fast food."

Hudert grew up playing soccer and was a member of Grayling's soccer club, which began last fall.

"It was interesting to watch how people start learning soccer," said Hudert. "It gave me the opportunity to see how you have to teach it. I never learned soccer since I grew up with it."

"When we play in Argentina, everybody knows what to do," said Hudert. "Here you rely more on the coach to tell people what to do."

Adjusting to life in the United States was fairly easy for him.



FLORIAN HUDERT

"I didn't have much trouble because I had already gone to a different country," he said. "At least I knew the language." When he moved to Argentina five years ago, Hudert had to familiarize himself with a new country and a new language.

Back in Germany, Hudert will have two and a half more years of school. After graduating, he will be required to join the army for at least 15 months. Hudert plans on going to college, but is uncertain as to what he would like to study.

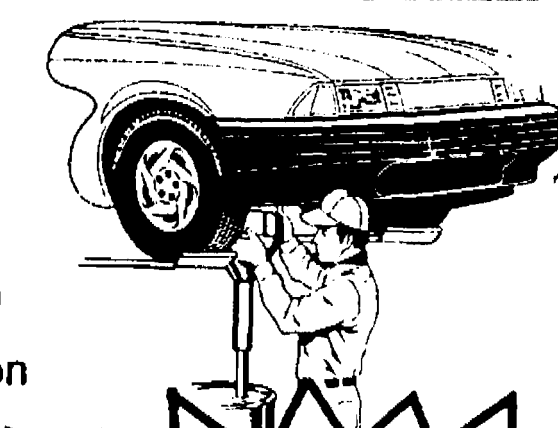
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A post-holiday gift to last a lifetime

Christmas has passed and New Year's resolutions have been made. Holiday trimmings have been carefully placed in their rightful places, along with the memories of happy times shared with family members who came home for the holidays. Unfortunately for many families, thousands of young adults did not come home. Instead, these children found themselves on city streets looking for a warm meal and a safe place to close their eyes for a shallow night's sleep.

According to the National Runaway Switchboard and a 1989 General Accounting Office report, an estimated 1.3 million youth have fled from their homes. Even worse, the numbers are growing, the ages are falling, and the funding is shrinking. In fact, a study completed earlier this year by the Federal Administration on Children, Youth and Families, estimates that nearly 15 percent of adolescents age 12 to 17—about 2.8 million—have run away from home at least once.

When they hit the streets, runaways find themselves facing some frightening choices. Mere survival becomes an everyday challenge that often leads to theft, panhandling, selling or taking of drugs, and prostitution. But if they choose to return home, how would they get there? And would they be accepted by their family?

This year, Greyhound Lines, Inc., the nation's largest bus transportation company, re-introduced a program designed to help runaways return home. Working with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Runaway Switchboard (NRS), Greyhound's Home Free program gives runaways a free ticket home on the Greyhound network.

Established in 1984, the program has helped to reunite an estimated 30,000 runaways with their families. Recent improvements to the program and the addition of a new partner, the NRS, are making Home Free a solution for those with nowhere to turn.

"Greyhound has a rich tradition of bringing friends and family together," says Jack Haugland, chief operating officer of Greyhound Lines. "As we saw the runaway epidemic continue to grow, we sought and found a way to use our expansive network to help runaways return to their families."

The NRS provides vital components of the program—round-the-



clock availability and counseling referral services. The organization can refer families to professional counseling that is needed to begin the healing process.

How Home Free Works:

- To Qualify:
1. A youth must be between the ages of 12 and 18.
 2. The youth must be a runaway as confirmed by the NRS.
- The Process
1. The youth calls a social service agency, local law enforcement agency or the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800/621-4000.
 2. After verifying the youth's status as a runaway, the Switchboard contacts Greyhound and books a bus ticket for the runaway to return home; the NRS then receives a Greyhound ticket reservation number and family is notified.

3. The NRS calls the law enforcement or social service agency with the ticket reservation number.

4. A police officer or social worker takes the runaway to the bus terminal, gives the ticketing agent the reservation number and receives the ticket for the runaway's ride home.

The NRS is the only organization through which a Home Free ticket can be issued. Throughout each contact with the NRS, youths and their families will be offered a full array of NRS services. Crisis intervention and referrals will support them and their families during each step of the process.

Greyhound's goal through Home Free is to get runaways off the streets and to ensure them a safe trip home to a caring environment.

For more information on Home Free, call the NRS at 1-800/621-4000.

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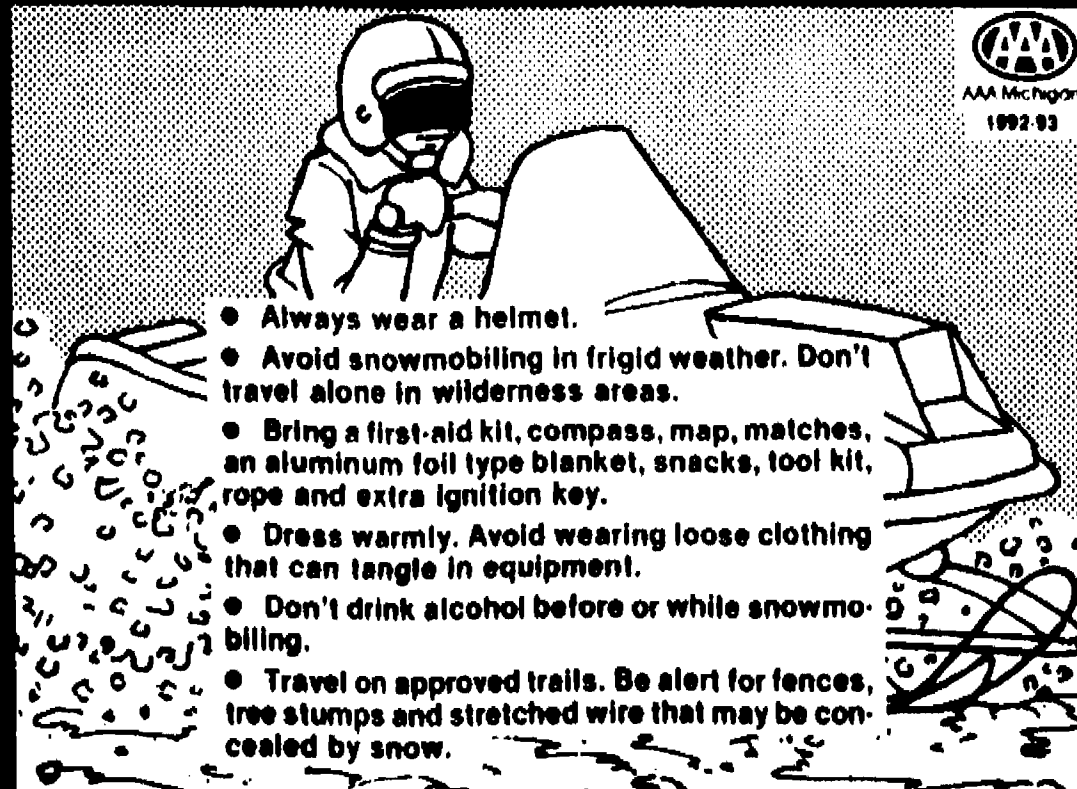


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TIPS ON SAFE SNOWMOBILING



- Always wear a helmet.
- Avoid snowmobiling in frigid weather. Don't travel alone in wilderness areas.
- Bring a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, an aluminum foil type blanket, snacks, tool kit, rope and extra ignition key.
- Dress warmly. Avoid wearing loose clothing that can tangle in equipment.
- Don't drink alcohol before or while snowmobiling.
- Travel on approved trails. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.

